

Safety Tips

What steps can I take to stay safe?

- Drink responsibly.
- Keep your drink with you at all times.
- Never take an opened drink from someone you do not know or trust.
- If possible, get a drink that is in a sealed container.
- Avoid taking drinks that have candy or other objects in them.
- Know and trust the people that you go out with.
- Watch out for your friend's drinks as well as your own.
- Remember water can be drugged as well.

**IF YOU SUSPECT YOU ARE
SUCCUMBING TO THE
EFFECTS OF ONE OF THESE
DRUGS TELL SOMEONE YOU
TRUST AND CALL THE POLICE
IMMEDIATELY!**



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DRUG FACILITATED RAPE

AWARENESS AND SAFETY TIP

PAMPHLET

**THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

EMERGENCY: 911

NON EMERGENCY:

706-542-2200

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WHAT IS DRUG FACILITATED RAPE?

Drug facilitated rape involves the assailant's use of a drug to make the victim more vulnerable to attack and less likely to report the crime due to a fragmentary memory. The most common approach used is for the assailant to add one of these drugs to the drink of an unsuspecting victim and wait until the victim succumbs to the effects of the drug. These drugs are the tools of a rapist and can be slipped into your drink in a matter of seconds and dissolve almost immediately. Once a date rape drug is slipped into your drink, you could be unconscious within fifteen minutes or less. These drugs are usually colorless, odorless and tasteless, making them impossible to detect in a beverage. Even consuming only a couple of sips of a drink with one of these drugs in it could leave you vulnerable. Don't let this happen to you.

Some of these drugs may cause the victim to have only fragmentary memories of the crime and surrounding events. Depending on the circumstances, some of these symptoms may still be present when the victim comes to the police. This, combined with a narrow window of opportunity in which physical evidence may be collected before it is lost, adds to the challenge in prosecuting such cases.

Know The Drugs

ROHYPNOL

Also known as Roofies, Roachies, Rib, or Rope. Rohypnol is a sedative manufactured in Europe and South America that is illegal in the United States. Older pills are round with ROCHE imprinted in a circle on one side. When consumed in high doses or when combined with alcohol, Rohypnol can cause blackouts combined with amnesia for 8-12 hours. The drug takes 20-30 minutes to take effect. New manufacturing processes make the drug dissolve less rapidly and emit a blue dye when reacting with alcohol. These new pills are oval and have a dark green exterior.

GAMMA HYDROXY BUTYRATE

Also known as GHB, Saltwater, and Liquid X. Most commonly seen as a liquid, GHB was developed as an anesthetic but proved unreliable in its effects on patients. A sufficient dose can cause unconsciousness or a state where the user is awake but unable to move or respond. High dosages may cause seizures or even comas.

KETAMINE

Also known as Special K, Vitamin K, KitKat, K and Ket. This drug is an anesthetic used primarily by veterinarians. Ketamine also is used primarily in liquid form but can be made into a powder. It can cause hallucinations, and in larger doses may lead to oxygen starvation to the brain and muscles. An overdose may cause the heart to stop.

How Do I Know If I Have Been Drugged?

Know the Signs

- Dizziness
- Extreme exhaustion
- Nausea
- Feeling more intoxicated more quickly
- Hot and cold flashes
- The inability to speak clearly
- The apparent partial paralysis of the person's limbs

THESE DRUGS CAN KILL!

What should I do if I suspect I have been a victim of a drug facilitated rape?

- Go to a safe place.
- Tell someone you trust.
- Contact the nearest police department, hospital, or rape crisis center.
- As with any other sexual assault do no shower, change clothes, or urinate in order to preserve evidence.

REMEMBER EVERY MINUTE COUNTS WHEN IT COMES TO COLLECTING BLOOD AND URINE SPECIMENS!!!