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Inhalants

Inhalants are volatile substances that are abused to obtain a high. They are easily accessible as they are found in common household products. This makes them especially popular in the teenage population; however they are abused by persons of driving age as well. The prevalence and demographics of inhalant abuse will be discussed in this presentation. The different categories of inhalants and the active ingredients will be reviewed before examining the effects that this class of drugs has on human performance. Inhalants are one of the DRE categories and attention will focus on how to recognize drivers under the influence of inhalants. The majority of time will be spent discussing reports of inhalant abuse in the literature and case studies related to driving. Drug Recognition Expert findings in cases testing positive for inhalants will be presented.