DATE RAPE DRUGS

(OBJECTIVES)

1. Understand the effects of **GHB, Rohypnol** and **Ketamine** on the central nervous system.
2. Apply prevention skills in high-risk situations.
WHAT ARE DATE-RAPE DRUGS?

- Depressant drugs that are used for sexual assault, robbery, or physical assault.

- Three most common date-rape drugs:
  - GHB “liquid ecstasy, blue nitro”
  - Rohypnol “roofies”
  - Ketamine “special K”

Someone can be charged with second-degree assault even if no rape has occurred.
GHB
(Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate)

- Liquid form, white powder, & pill form.
- Synergistic effect with alcohol.
  - Seizures
  - Unconsciousness
  - Problems seeing
  - Memory loss
  - Vomiting
  - Coma and death
Rohypnol (Flunitrazepam)

- Pill form, dissolves in liquids.
- Synergistic effect with alcohol.
  - Blackouts
  - Drunk feeling
  - Problems seeing
  - Problems talking
  - Loss of muscle control (paralyzed)
Ketamine (Ketamine Hydrochloride)

- Clear liquid or white powder.
- Used as anesthetic in veterinaries.
  - Hallucinations
  - Loss of time/identity
  - Memory problems
  - Problems breathing
  - Out of control
  - Vomiting
How are these substances used as date-rape drugs?

- These drugs are unknowingly slipped into someone’s drink.
- They work in any liquid.
- Looking for a victim who is alone.
- Looking for an unattended drink.
WHAT SPECIAL PROPERTIES DO DATE-RAPE DRUGS HAVE?

GHB, Ketamine, and Rohypnol are all

- **ODORLESS!**
- **COLORLESS!**
- **TASTELESS!** in any liquid.
- Cause blackouts/memory loss.
- Loss of motor skills/coordination.
- Impair judgment.
- Drugs clear the bloodstream quickly. (12-72 hours)
WHO WOULD YOU TRUST THE MOST?

A  B  C  D

Jeffrey Dahmer  Ted Bundy  David Berkowitz  Aileen Wournos
How can I protect myself?

1. Don’t accept drinks from other people NO MATTER what they look like!
2. Open containers yourself.
3. Keep your drink with you at all times.
4. Don’t drink anything that tastes/smells strange. Sometimes, GHB tastes salty.
5. Always go out with a friend, never by yourself.

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You don’t look so well. I’ll give you a ride home. Let me take care of you.
I called a friend to pick me up.
Thanks anyway.

You don’t look so well.
I’ll give you a ride home.
Let me take care of you.
Hey baby. Let me get you a drink? What would you like?
Hey baby. Let me get you a drink? What would you like?

I’m Ok. Thanks.
What are 3 characteristics that make these drugs conducive to date-rape?
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- Odorless, colorless, tasteless.
- Cause blackouts.
- Loss of motor skills.
- Impaired judgment.
- Leave bloodstream quickly.
What are the 3 date-rape drugs?
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GHB
Ketamine
Rohypnol
How can I protect myself from date-rape drugs?
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That’s easy!
1. Don’t accept drinks.
2. Open containers yourself.
3. Keep drink with you.
4. Always bring a friend.