

	Possession	Intent to Supply/Supply (for which the penalties are the same)
Class A		
Class B		
Class C		
Psychoactive Substance		



Smoking some **cannabis** in the park (also known as weed, skunk, marijuana, green, hash, pot, puff, ganja, grass).

Selling **anabolic steroids** to a stranger (also known as roids, juice).

Having a small amount of **cocaine** in a plastic bag (also known as coke, Charlie, white, snow).

Picking up some **magic mushrooms** to drop off at a friend's house later (also known as shrooms, mushies, magics, liberty caps).

Keeping a few **ecstasy** pills in a school locker (also known as pills, MDMA, E, Mandy, Molly, Superman).

Sharing a synthetically made substance, that feels a bit like using cannabis, with friends.

Using a **nitrous oxide** balloon at home (also known as laughing gas, nos, noz, balloons).

Giving some **ketamine** to a friend at a party (also known as Special K, K, ket).

Legal penalty decoder

Possession or intent to supply any of the substances below can result in an unlimited fine and/or a prison sentence. Maximum sentences are listed below.



	Possession	Intent to supply/Supply
Class A	Seven years	Life sentence
Class B	Five years	Fourteen years
Class C	Two years (not including anabolic steroids)	Fourteen years
Psychoactive substance		Seven years

Teacher answers

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Class A	<p>Having a small amount of cocaine in a plastic bag.</p> <p>Keeping a few ecstasy pills in a school locker.</p>	<p>Picking up some magic mushrooms to drop off at a friend's house later. (Intent to supply).</p>
Class B	<p>Smoking some cannabis in the park.</p>	<p>Giving some ketamine to a friend at a party. (Supply).</p>
Class C	<p>Using a nitrous oxide balloon at home.</p>	<p>Selling anabolic steroids to a stranger. (Supply).</p>
Psychoactive substance		<p>Sharing a synthetically made substance, that feels a bit like using cannabis, with friends. (Supply)</p>

A



B



C



D



Image	What risks are present? Who is at most risk?
A	<p>The person who has supplied the alcohol has broken the law and risks legal consequences. The police have the power to confiscate alcohol from anyone they suspect to be under 18 and ask for their name, address and date of birth. If the person doesn't give details or won't hand over the alcohol, they are likely to be arrested.</p> <p>Students may also suggest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol can also leave a person more vulnerable to other risks due to incapacitation. • The young person drinking may engage in more risky behaviours than they would without drinking, as alcohol affects decision-making abilities. • Overconsumption of alcohol could lead to health consequences, such as vomiting or unconsciousness.
B	<p>It is illegal to possess, and illegal to supply, cannabis. The young people in the picture are at risk of legal consequences including the confiscation of the cannabis, on-the-spot fines or the legal consequences discussed earlier in the lesson. A police officer attending the scene would stop and search all the young people there under the Misuse of Drugs Act.</p> <p>Students may also suggest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There may be mental health risks in the short and long-term for the young people using cannabis. • There may be short-term risks linked to the effects of cannabis on decision-making and risk-taking behaviours whilst under the influence • There may be health risks such as cancers from the mixing of tobacco with cannabis.
C	<p>The girl in the picture is at risk of legal consequences if she is caught with drugs in her bag. It is important, however, to avoid victim blaming. People who are targeted by others in this way are not to blame for what happens, however it is important to be aware of surroundings when out, for example by thinking about what they could do to reduce risks to personal safety (e.g. keeping an eye on personal belongings, keeping their handbag/pockets closed).</p> <p>Students may also suggest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The person intending to use the drugs is at increased risk due to the effects of the drugs, though it is important to note that we do not know what these might be as we do not know what drug it is.
D	<p>This picture could either be interpreted as: The person outside the car dealing drugs to those inside, OR the person in the car asking the person outside to be a 'runner' and deliver the drugs elsewhere. In either case, the person selling the substances is risking legal consequences and would be charged with supply.</p> <p>Students may also suggest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There would be risk to the individual using the substance, this risk would be exacerbated if the person were to drive under the influence. They would be at an increased risk of an accident, and would also risk legal consequences. • This picture can also open up discussions around exploitation and county lines, the idea that a substance is being given as a 'gift' could indicate exploitative behaviours.

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