

Chapter 14

14.1 Self Check

Which categories of drugs seem the most dangerous? The most addictive? Why?

Schedule I is believed to be the most dangerous and addictive, but some people do not choose this category, perhaps because it contains marijuana and because people sometimes do not fully understand the effects of hallucinogenic drugs. Some people feel that Schedule II, which includes heroin, cocaine, and Ritalin, seems to contain drugs that are far more dangerous and that are better known for their addictive qualities.

14.2 Self Check

1. For what reasons was the Uniform Controlled Substances Act created?

It was created to ensure that drug policies throughout the United States took a uniform approach to prosecuting and punishing drug crimes.

2. In general, have efforts to fight and criminalize the use of psychoactive substances been successful in the United States? Why or why not?

No, because many Americans favor drug use and because efforts to stop drug use have not addressed this issue, but have only unsuccessfully tried to suppress it.

14.3 Self Check

1. Why does possession with intent to deliver need more proof than mere possession?

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Because police must prove not only that the person is in possession of controlled substances, but also that he or she has the means and intent to deliver them to other parties.

2. How can police officers determine if people are drug loitering, or just loitering?

The presence of known drug dealers, whether the location is a known drug-selling area; actual drug transactions; or similar suspicious behavior can all point to drug loitering.

14.4 Self Check

1. What are some legal actions that can be taken against a drunk driver?

They can be fined, have their license suspended, be forced to pay restitution, and serve jail or prison time for their crimes.

2. When can alcohol be used as a defense? When is it not an acceptable defense?

It can be used as a defense when a person has an uncontrolled reaction to it. It is not acceptable when a person voluntarily drinks and then voluntarily chooses to engage in risky behavior, such as drinking and driving.