

Drug Abuse in the Workplace

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Current Drugs Abused in L.C.

1. Rx Drugs

(Pain killers, Sedatives, Sleep aids)

2. Heroin

3. Methamphetamine

Indicators of Drug Misuse

- Chronic sleepiness
- Agitated / change in personality
- Decline in work performance
- Decline in personal hygiene
- Confusion
- Reduced motor skills
- Low functioning level
- Decaying teeth

On-Site Drug Abuse

Using / Selling / Buying

- Clandestine trips to restroom
- “Hanging out” in secluded areas
- Frequent visits to parking lot
- Secretive conversations on phone or with other employees.
- In possession of drug abuse instruments

First Time Offenders Program

- Diversion to Municipal Court level
- Municipal probation
- Common Pleas / County probation
- Suspended sentences
- Substance abuse assistance
- “Leave It All Behind” options