



# A Concerned Citizen's Guide to Fighting Drug Trafficking in the Community

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# What is drug trafficking?

- Drug trafficking, also known as drug distribution, is **the crime of selling, transporting, or illegally importing unlawful controlled substances, such as heroin, cocaine, marijuana, or other illegal drugs.**



# What drugs are illegal in Salt River?

## **Sec. 6-121. Possession or use of narcotics and drugs.**

(a) *Prohibited generally.* It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, have under his or her control, dispense, use, transport, carry, sell, give away, prepare for sale, furnish, administer, or offer to sell, furnish, administer or give away any narcotic, hallucinogen or other dangerous drug except as pursuant to this section.

(b) *Inhalation prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for any person to inhale or sniff any substance for the purpose of becoming intoxicated.



# Narcotic Drugs

(e) *Narcotics enumerated.* Narcotics regulated by this section include but are not limited to opium and opiates, including but not limited to heroin, methadone, morphine and codeine; coca leaves and their derivatives, including but not limited to cocaine; and those narcotics listed in 21 USCA 812, schedules I, II, III, IV and V.



# Hallucinogens

(f) *Hallucinogens enumerated.* Hallucinogens regulated by this section include but are not limited to mescal buttons, peyote buttons, marijuana, dimethyltryptamine (DMT) lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), 4-methyl-2, 5-dimethoxyamphetamine (STP), and those hallucinogens listed in 21 USCA 812, schedules I, II, III, IV and V.



# Dangerous Drugs

(g) *Dangerous drugs defined.* Dangerous drugs related by this section include the drugs and/or amounts of drugs prohibited in Title 21, USCA 812, and Title 13, A.R.S., section 3401, not included within subsection (e) and (f) of this section.





# Risk Factors

- Drug trafficking puts users and their homes, families, and communities at increased risk:
  - Increased criminal behavior;
  - Violence, including gang violence;
  - Possible harmful contaminants in the drugs;
  - Social consequences associated with addiction (homelessness, job loss, etc.);
  - Endangerment of children.



# Illegal Drugs and Criminal Behavior

- Drugs are linked to increased criminal behavior in multiple ways:
  - It is illegal to possess and sell illegal drugs; there are applicable laws in federal, state, local, and tribal codes throughout the country.
  - It is often expensive to purchase drugs illegally, so some users will resort to theft and other crimes to fund their addictions.
  - Drug trafficking itself is one of the most lucrative enterprises in the world, which makes it valuable to traffickers, who commit other – and often violent – crimes in order to protect their “business.”
  - The effects of addiction, and effects of the drugs themselves, can lead to crimes within families, including abuse and neglect.





# What is a drug house?

- **There are four things that make a drug house:**
  - a **product** to sell (Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Fentanyl, Marijuana, etc.)
  - a **dealer** to sell it
  - a **customer** to buy it
  - a **location** to sell it from (House, Car, Street Corner, etc.)



# Warning Signs

- What are the warning signs of drug activity in the Community?
  - Excessive foot traffic to / from a house or property
  - Loitering in or around a house
  - Frequent and unusual traffic patterns such as: **Stop – Enter – Leave**
  - Traffic frequently stops and a resident comes out and talks briefly with occupants of car
  - Threats or intimidation connected to a residence
  - Open exchange of drugs and money
  - Gang activity in the neighborhood
  - Graffiti on structures in the area
  - Sudden increase in criminal activity at a home or area



# Take Action

- **What can you do if you suspect there is a drug house in your neighborhood?**
  - Log activity that you observe (don't enter the property yourself) and believe is connected to the suspected drug house. The following types of information are helpful:
    - Dates and times of activity;
    - Style, make, color and license plates of vehicles that visit the residence;
    - Whether or not a person or vehicle is a repeat visitor;
    - Descriptions persons as thoroughly as possible – age, race, height, weight, etc.;
    - Descriptions of the activity you are seeing;
    - Descriptions of any weapons being displayed.
  - Do NOT confront or attempt to speak to anyone at the residence!
  - Contact SRPD and provide them with all the information you've gathered, and let them take it from there.



# Questions?