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The Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center (ONIC) has observed the following use of emojis on social media and electronic communications to indicate the marketing, sale, and purchase of illicit narcotics in Ohio. The use of emojis in this manner is a nationwide trend. Emojis used in drug communications commonly refer to the physical, psychological, or physiological characteristics of the drugs. While the presence of these emojis in communications can be an indication of possible drug activity, it is important to remember emojis often have multiple meanings.

Drug Category: General Drug Reference

Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Xanax™, Adderall™, Fentanyl, Ecstasy



Fentanyl, Heroin, Cocaine

Drug Dealer ("Plug")

Drug Price ("Ticket")





































Drug Category: Pills, Counterfeit Tablets

Oxycodone/Percocet™





Hydrocodone/Vicodin™







Alprazolam/Xanax™





Drug Images:















Example of Oxycodone 30mg

Example of Vicodin™

Example of Example of Xanax™ 0.5mg

Example of Percocet™ 10mg

Description: Oxycodone is a semi-synthetic prescription opioid generally prescribed for the relief of moderate to severe pain. Oxycodone is available in tablet form in a variety of shapes, colors, and dosages. The common brand name for oxycodone is Percocet™. Hydrocodone is a semi-synthetic prescription opioid generally prescribed for the relief of moderate to severe pain, but also a cough suppressant. Hydrocodone is available in a variety of shapes, colors, and dosages. The common brand name for hydrocodone is Vicodin™. Alprazolam is a prescription tablet used to treat anxiety disorders, anxiety caused by depression, and panic disorders. Tablets come in a variety of shapes, colors, and dosages. The common brand name for alprazolam is Xanax™.

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Description: Fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid narcotic legally manufactured for pain relief; however, fentanyl and fentanyl analogues are being clandestinely produced and brought into the U.S., commonly seen in powder form of various colors including white, gray, and purple. Fentanyl, fentanyl analogs, and fentanyl-related compounds are also seen in counterfeit tablets resembling pharmaceutical prescriptions. Heroin is a highly addictive drug and rapidly-acting opioid derived from the opium poppy plant. Typically found in white or brown powder or a black sticky substance known as black tar heroin. Codeine is a prescription opioid pain reliever commonly combined with other medications as a liquid cough suppressant. The liquid codeine cough syrup may be consumed with other beverages and sweeteners.



Description: A stimulant that comes in multiple forms to include crystal methamphetamine, which resembles glass fragments or shiny blue-white "rocks" of various sizes, as well as pill and powder form.



Description: Cocaine is an intense, euphoria-producing stimulant with addictive potential that is usually distributed as a white, crystalline powder. Crack cocaine results as byproduct of cooked powder cocaine that produces small, irregularly-shaped chunks (or "rocks") of a whitish solid.

Drug Emojis Used In Ohio

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Description: A dry, shredded green/brown mix of flowers, stems, seeds, and leaves from the cannabis plant that is a mind-altering (psychoactive) drug.





Description: Tetrahydrocannabinol, commonly known as THC, is the psychoactive compound of marijuana. THC extract/concentrates are highly potent, concentrated forms of THC. THC edibles include candy, baked goods, and other foods laced with THC, the ingredient in marijuana that causes a high, often at high dosages. These products are often created to resemble well known commercial products and candy, which can appeal to youth or cause accidental ingestion.



Psilocybin Mushrooms









Ecstasy/MDMA











LSD/Acid



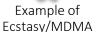


Drug Images:











Example of LSD

Description: Psilocybin is a hallucinogenic mushroom. These mushrooms have white/whitish-gray long stems and caps with dark gills on the underside. Available fresh or dried; dried mushrooms can appear darker in color. Ecstasy/MDMA is a synthetic stimulant and psychedelic drug. Known as a party drug, ecstasy comes in a variety of shapes and vibrant colors, with unique branding and logos. LSD is a potent, odorless and colorless hallucinogen with a slightly bitter taste that is typically available in saturated absorbent paper (e.g., blotter paper, divided into small, decorated squares, with each square representing one dose).

Disclaimer: This list of emojis is not all-inclusive and only portrays examples observed/known by the ONIC to represent drug slang. The pictured emojis are only representations and can slightly differ depending on the device, mobile application, and internet web site.

About the Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center

The Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center (ONIC) was established in 2019 when Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed Executive Order 2019-20D. The ONIC operates as part of the Ohio Department of Public Safety in four locations throughout the state. Offices consist of public safety intelligence analysts and forensic computer specialists who assist law enforcement and other public sector agencies with support and information which supports various anti-narcotics related missions.