

Annual Drug Fatalities

- Tobacco 425,000
- Alcohol 101,000
- Prescription Drugs
(Adverse Reactions) 106,000+
- Over-the-Counter
(Aspirin & Other NSAID) 17,000
- Illegal Drugs
(All Illicit Drug Use) 17,000

Drug Hazard-Mortality-Sources

Prescription Drugs

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Illegal Drugs

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Caffeine, Alcohol and Tobacco

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Over-the-Counter

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