

Misuse of Drugs Act (1971) is the main law on drug classification in the UK. It classifies drugs by the degree of social harm. The most severe crimes can be punished with a life sentence and unlimited fine. It is amended to add new substances as evidence on their harm is gathered. Temporary Class Drug Orders (TCDO's) can be placed on substances which are suspected to be harmful while evidence is gathered to support classification.

The Psychoactive Substances Act (2016) has come into force on 26 May 2016. Under the PSA it is an offence to Produce, Supply, Offer to supply, Possess with intent to supply, or Possess on custodial premises and to Import or Export Psychoactive Substances i.e. any substance intended for human consumption that is capable of producing psychoactive effects. It carries a maximum sentence of up to 7 years and unlimited fine.

	Class A Drugs	Class B Drugs	Class C Drugs
Max. Penalty	Possession: 7 years & fine Supply: life & fine MoDA(1971)	Possession: 5 years & fine Supply: 14 years & fine MoDA(1971)	Possession: 2 years & fine Supply: 14 years & fine MoDA(1971)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSD • LSD Related substances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tryptamines AMT (Banned Oct 2014) 5-MeO-DALT (Banned Jan 2015) - ALD-52, AL-LAD, ETH-LAD, PRO-LAD and LSZ (Banned Jan 2015) • Heroin • Heroin related substances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AH7921 (opiate derivative) Banned Oct 2014 • Cocaine • Magic Mushrooms • Crack • Ecstasy • PMA • Methadone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannabis • Synthetic Cannabinoids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mephedrone (Meow Meow) - 'Spice'/'Black Mamba' containing AM-2201 or UR-144) • Amphetamines • Barbiturates • Codeine • GHB and GBL • Naphyrone - 'Rave', 'NRG1', 'NRG-1', 'Energy1', 'Energy-1' • Diphenylmethylpyrrolidine, 2-DPMP, and D2PM (stimulant found in 'Ivory Wave') • Methoxetamine (MXE) • Ketamine • Benzofuran Compounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benzo Fury, White Pearl, 6-APDB, 6-APB, 5-APDB, 5-APB (Banned 10/06/2014) • Methylphenidate (Ritalin) (unless prescribed). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anabolic steroids • Khat • MSJ • Tranquilisers and Benzodiazepines including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rohypnol, - Diazepam, - Temazepam, - Phenazepam • Nitrous Oxide

	Substances placed under a Temporary Class Drug Order (TCDO)	Psychoactive Substances that may contain classified drugs.	Legal
Max. Penalty	Possession: Varies Supply: As A, B or C MoDA(1971)	Production: 7 years & fine Supply: 7 years & fine PSA(2016)	Legal for over 18s' personal use. Regulations on production and supply
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methylphenidate compounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ethylnaphthidate (ethyl 2-phenyl-2-((S)-piperidin-2-yl)acetate) ('Gogaine' and 'Burst') - 3,4-Dichloromethylphenidate (3,4-DCMP) - 4-Methylmethylphenidate (L ME TMP) - Isopropylphenidate (IPH / IPPD) - Propylphenidate (PPH) - Methiopropamine (MPA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvia Divinorum (Mexican Spice) • Bromo-dragonfly • 'Cloud Nine' • Naphyrone - NRG-2 • Sparkle MDAI • STS-135 Synthetic Cannabinoids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol • Nicotine <p style="text-align: center;">Unclassified / Regulated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solvents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Illegal to supply for human consumption</i> ○ <i>Over 18s may purchase if items are not to be consumed</i> • Alkyl Nitrates (Poppers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Can be regulated under the Medicines Act 1968 to fine shops for selling poppers. Possession is not illegal but supply can be an offence.</i>