

**Los Angeles Police Department
LD12 Controlled Substances
EV10 Quality of Life
S11 Officer Safety**

Date Revised: December/2019

Course Goal: To develop basic knowledge how drugs affect the body, types of controlled substance and basic laws dealing with possession, possession for sales and officer safety.

Session Goal: Recruit officer will have an understanding of laws regarding the use, possession, and sales of a controlled substance.

Learning Objectives: None.

Session Time: 1 hour

Resources:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptop with media software and power point developed for this module. • LD 12 • Flipchart paper with markers 	
Session Summary: In this module the class learn about officer safety with users and growers.	
Outline	Instructor Notes
<p>I. Officer Safety Guidelines with Users</p> <p>A. Peace officers may encounter drug users. Drug users may behave differently based on the type of drug the user has taken. Drugs effect on a body may cause the user to become dangerous and violent. Officers should always exercise special caution in situations involving drugs.</p> <p>B. Officer Safety, in the identification and apprehension of drug users under the influence of stimulants, some situations require special caution. Peace officers should be aware that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clandestine labs where certain stimulants are manufactured are extremely dangerous. 2. Many chemicals are dangerous to touch or breathe. 3. Drug-induced psychotic behavior can be dangerous. 4. Stimulant users are often armed. 	<p>Lecture: Officer Safety</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">5. They should avoid touching any substance with their hands (always wear rubber gloves), and avoid sniffing the drugs.6. They need to watch for exposed syringes and blood from fresh puncture wounds.C. Safety precautions.<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. When dealing with suspected controlled substances, peace officers should NOT taste, smell, or touch any substance that may appear to be drugs. Wear rubber gloves when recovering narcotics.2. Some drugs can be absorbed through the pores of the skin, cuts, mucus membranes (transdermal), or inhaled.3. If needed officers should always wait for hazmat specialists in some cases to enter or recover possible narcotics.D. Officer Safety Issues with Growers<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Growers have been known to use booby traps.2. Are often armed.3. Often have vicious dogs.4. Early detection systems: alarms and/or video cameras.	<p>.</p>
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