

## VII.B. Recognising the club drugs user

Since the club drugs are associated with rave culture, these drugs are consumed by young people associated with dance parties and clubs, although not exclusively at public events. For cultural reasons, most of these people are white, although some Indian and coloured youth have become involved in the scene through cross-ethnic clubs, and young people of other population groups may be similarly affected. Furthermore, as many clubbers grow older, they do not necessarily give up their lifestyles, and some hippie-era drug takers continue to experiment with mind-altering chemicals.

While there are exceptions, dance venues and events playing electronic music, particularly if they have a psychedelic theme (use of fluorescent colours, geometric patterns, black light, lasers, smoke machines, and other special effects), are consumption points for these drugs. The users' clothing tends to be tight-fitting and synthetic in the club setting, and more varied at outdoor events. Use of light sticks, laser pointers, and whistles is not uncommon.

While under the influence, club drugs users may be extremely disoriented and can suffer from panic attacks. As with other stimulants, ecstasy users can experience dilated pupils, jaw clenching, tremors, and an inability to sit still. LSD users experience very dilated pupils, and can appear detached from their environment and unresponsive, as though sleepwalking.

