

**The Law**

| <b>MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT 1971-MAXIMUM PENALTIES</b>   |  |   |
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|   | <b>POSSESSION</b>  | <b>SUPPLY</b>   |
| <p><b>CLASS A</b></p> <p>Cocaine, Crack, Ecstasy, Heroin, LSD, Magic Mushrooms (19/7/05), Methamphetamine (inc. Crystal Meth) (18/1/07) &amp; Class B drugs prepared for injection</p>  | <p><b>7 years</b><br/>imprisonment<br/>or a fine<br/>or both</p> | <p><b>Life</b><br/>imprisonment<br/>or a fine<br/>or both</p>     |
| <p><b>CLASS B</b></p> <p>Cannabis.<br/>Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Codeine in concentration above 2.5%, Dihydrocodeine (DF118), Ritalin</p>   | <p><b>5 years</b><br/>imprisonment<br/>or a fine<br/>or both</p> | <p><b>14 years</b><br/>imprisonment<br/>or a fine<br/>or both</p> |
| <p><b>CLASS C</b></p> <p>Anabolic Steroids (supply), GHB, Benzodiazepine Tranquillisers, Rohypnol, Ketamine (Jan '06)</p>   | <p><b>2 years</b><br/>imprisonment<br/>or a fine<br/>or both</p> | <p><b>14 years</b><br/>imprisonment<br/>or a fine<br/>or both</p> |
| <p>Passing drugs amongst friends is supplying. Allowing your house or premises to be used for drug misuse is also illegal.<br/>A conviction for any Misuse of Drugs Act offence can affect future employment. Many other countries may refuse visas to people with drug convictions. Misuse will often invalidate insurance policies, including holiday, vehicle and health cover.</p> <p><b><i>To stop someone committing an offence with a drug, you can either destroy it or hand it over to the police.</i></b></p> |  |   |