



Drug Hazards – Other Risks

Prescription Drugs

4.5 million annual hospital admissions for Adverse Rx's

Over-the-Counter

107,000 adverse reactions from aspirin and acetaminophen

Dietary Supplements

Minimal FDA oversight and regulation

Ephedra – 16,500 Adverse Rx's

Illegal Drugs

Illegal drug addiction=3.8 million
Methamphetamine=17,000 ER visits
Illegal Drug Incarceration=900,000

Caffeine, Alcohol & Tobacco

Alcohol Addiction = 14 million
Alcohol-related accidents = 513,000
Tobacco Addiction = 39 million

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