

Behavioral Signs of Current Substance Abuse vs. Withdrawal

Substance Abuse

- Depression or feelings of hopeless/helplessness
- Paranoia
- Withdrawn
- Different degrees of hospitality or ambivalence
- Greater impulsiveness
- Sudden mood changes
- Lies frequently
- Priority changes
- Blames others for irresponsible actions
- Jittery or overactive
- Non-specific, vague or evasive answers
- Suicidal thoughts or ideations
- Stealing and unusual borrowing of money
- Wearing inappropriate clothing

Withdrawal

- Anxiety
- Nausea or vomiting
- Shakiness
- Profuse sweating
- Confusion and irritability (sometimes severe)
- Tactile hallucinations (feeling things that are not present, i.e. "crank bugs")
- Visual and auditory hallucinations
- Abdominal pain
- Seizures
- Tremors
- Fatigue
- Long periods of sleep
- Intense hunger
- Moderate to severe depression

http://my.webmd.com/hw/health_guide_atoz/tv5810.asp
<http://www.addictions.org/signs.htm>
<http://www.sacsconsulting.com/book/chapter7.htm>