

# PERSONAL RISKS

**85%**

**of Missouri college students do not misuse prescription drugs!**

**Prescription drug misuse is a quickly growing and largely unaddressed problem concerning college students.**

There is a widespread misconception that prescription drugs are safer than illicit street drugs - THEY'RE NOT.

Misusing or using prescription drugs with alcohol or other substances can cause nausea, vomiting, dizziness, loss of coordination, and fainting.

In some cases mixing prescription drugs and alcohol can cause serious effects such as memory problems, stomach bleeding and ulcers, and even heart and liver problems.



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# LEGAL RISKS

**There are also serious legal risks to misusing prescription drugs:**

**Illegal possession of prescription drugs is a class C felony in Missouri.**

It is illegal to distribute your prescription drugs to ANYONE.

It is a class A felony to distribute them within 2,000 feet of any school (including Missouri colleges and universities)

Driving under the influence of prescription drugs can lead to a DWI arrest if the drug impairs your ability to drive safely.

Mixing prescription drugs with alcohol or other substances can also lead to arrest.

## **Alternatives**

Students may misuse prescription drugs due to the pressure for academic success, erratic sleep schedules, and recreation drug culture typically associate with college life.

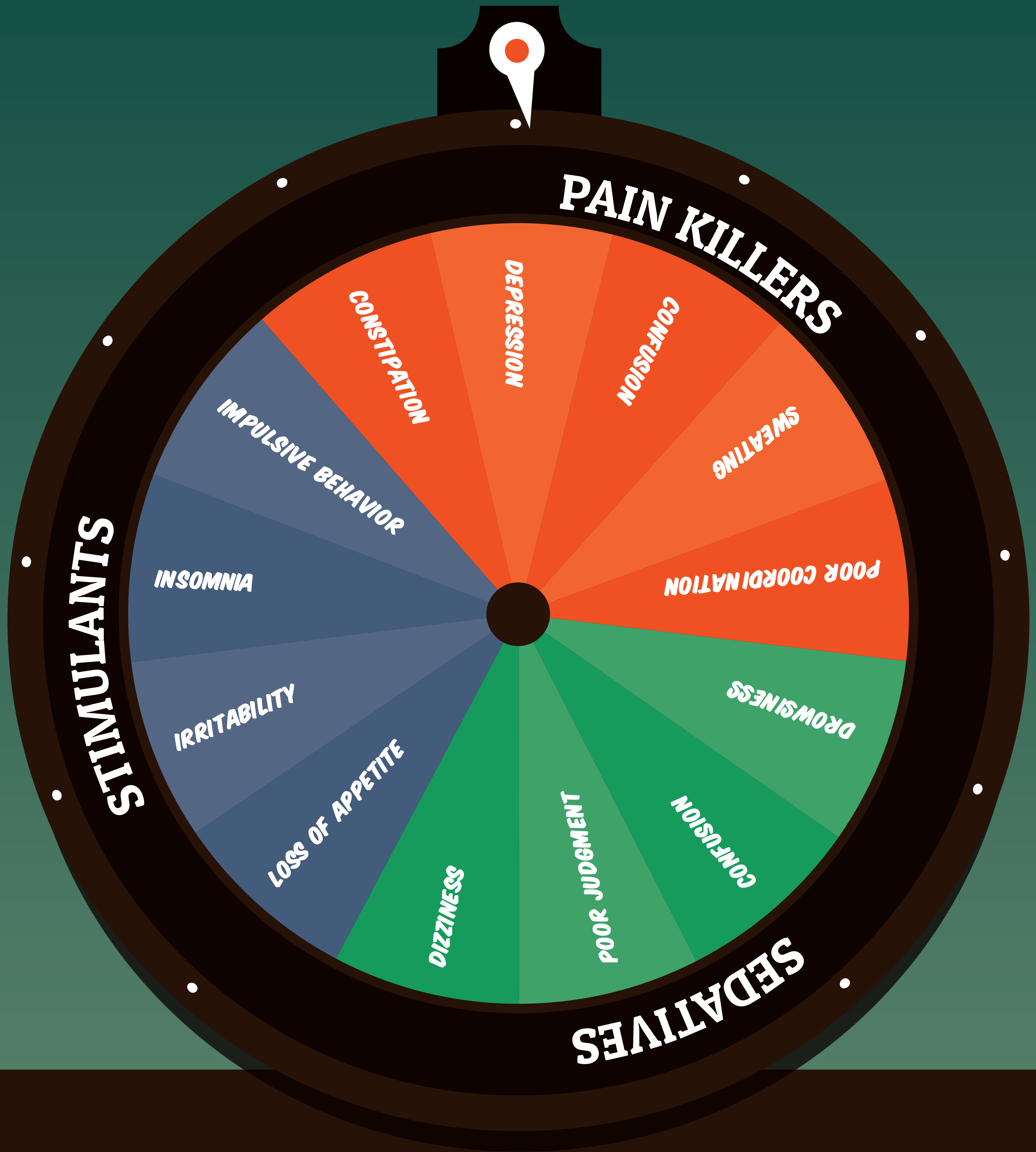
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SIDE EFFECTS OF

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