

Substance Abuse Is a Safety and Health Hazard

Do you recognize these signs of abuse in yourself or others?

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✓	Frequent work absences and late arrivals		
✓	Poor concentration and coordination		
✓	Slow mental and physical reflexes		
✓	Restlessness, nervousness, paranoia		
✓	Argumentative, defensive, and/or blaming others for problems		
✓	Letting responsibilities slide		
✓	Impaired judgment and decision making		
✓	Mood swings		
✓	Revved-up movements and speech		
✓	Forgetfulness		
✓	Loss of interest in and lack of responsibility for work		
✓	Pushing beyond physical capacity		
✓	Carelessness		
✓	Bizarre or violent behavior		

Drugs and alcohol abuse are not the only possible causes of these symptoms. But any employee with a substance abuse problem creates safety risks for all employees—and often more work. If you recognize these signs of abuse in yourself or in others, seek confidential help. Talk to your supervisor—or call AA or the local help line.