

# The Use of Benzodiazepines to Facilitate Sexual Assault

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**REFERENCE:** Montgomery MA: The use of benzodiazepines to facilitate sexual assault; *Forensic Sci Rev* 22:33; 2010.

**ABSTRACT:** Benzodiazepines are one of the classes of drugs most commonly associated with drug-facilitated sexual assault. As a widely prescribed class of medications and abused drugs, benzodiazepines are extensively available. Their sedating and amnesic effects make them effective candidates for use in drug-facilitated assaults. Detection methods for benzodiazepines and their metabolites in biological fluids are plentiful, but methods must be tailored to the low concentrations of drugs and metabolites expected to be encountered in these cases.

**KEY WORDS:** Benzodiazepines, drug-facilitated sexual assault.

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