Date Rape Drug Symptoms

The following are indicators that you may have been-drugged to facilitate a sexual assault:

- You were under the influence of a drug (legal or illegal) during the sexual assault.
- You had just one or two drinks–too few to account for the high level of intoxication you experienced.
- You felt “strange” then suddenly “very drunk”.
- You became heavily intoxicated, very rapidly, within a period of five to fifteen minutes.
- You woke up eight or more hours later, uncertain about what happened, but believe you may have bee- raped because of vaginal soreness, or other signs of sexual activities.
- You were told that you were given Roaches, Roofies, Mexica- Valium, R-2, GHB or “easy lay”.
- Witnesses told you that you suddenly appeared drunk, drowsy, dizzy, confused with impaired motor skills and impaired judgment.
- You have symptoms of amnesia.
- You remember a sequence of “cameo appearances” in which you recall waking up, possibly seeing the assailant have sex with you, being unable to move and then passing out again. These memories may be associated with a loud noise or pain.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

Alcohol is the most commonly used drug to facilitate sexual assault. There are also several other drugs used for this purpose, and testing for them can greatly impact evidence in sexual assault cases. Remember that “date rape drugs” are not always slipped into a drink–there are many cases where they are taken voluntarily and then used to facilitate a sexual assault later.

If you think you have been drugged and want to make a report to the police, go to the hospital as soon as possible. If you have to urinate or vomit before you get there, collect the contents in an airtight container and take to the hospital with you. The sooner you get there after the assault, the better chance they will still be able to detect it. Testing for these drugs is not a routine part of the sexual assault exam, so you will need to request it. This is not covered under the expenses of the sexual assault kit, so you may have to pay to have this testing done.