**ILLEGAL DRUG CLASSIFICATION – CLASS A, B and C**

**Reference website: communitylaw.org.nz**

The drug legislation (the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975) calls illegal drugs ‘controlled drugs’

Illegal drugs are classified in the following way:

**Class A – very high risk of harm ‘hard drugs’**

**Cocaine**

**Heroin**

**LSD (lysergide, or ‘acid’)**

**MDA (similar to ecstasy)**

**Mescaline**

**Methamphetamine (‘P’)**

**Phecyclidine (‘PCP’, ‘angel dust’)**

**Class B – high risk of harm**

**Amphetamines (speed)**

**Cannabis oil (hash oil)**

**Cannabis resin (hash)**

**GHB (fantasy)**

**MDMA (ecstasy)**

**Methadone**

**Morphine**

**Opium**

**Oxycodone (‘Oxycotton’)**

**Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine (which can both be used to make P)**

**Class C – moderate risk of harm**

**Barbiturates (‘downers’) like secobarbital (brand name ‘Seconal’) and pentobarbital (‘Nembutal’)**

**BZP (the psychoactive ingredient in most ‘party pills’**

**Cannabis (marijuana, including the plant, whether fresh or dried, and its seeds)**

**Cocoa leaf**

**Codeine**