

Determining if a Chemical is a Controlled Substance Job Aid

Definitions

- **Controlled Substances:** Psychotropic drugs and precursors regulated under the Federal Controlled Substances Act and the Alabama Uniform Controlled Substances Act. Not all drugs are considered Controlled Substances. Examples of drugs that are not Controlled Substances are Donepezil, Xylazine, and Atropine.
- **Listed Chemicals:** Chemicals that may be used to manufacture Controlled Substances. Listed Chemicals are regulated in order to prevent the illicit manufacture of Controlled Substances.
- **Precursor Chemicals:** Also known as Scheduled Substances or drug precursors, are chemicals that are known to be used in the illegal manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychoactive substances.

Federal or State Law

The following lists are considered Controlled Substances by either Federal or State law.

1. CSUA is required for any chemical listed in the [Controlled Substances Schedule](#). Note the Controlled Substances Schedule Number (“CSA Sch”) and DEA Number for the chemical you require.
2. [List I Chemicals](#): List I and II chemicals have controls that are subject to high threshold amounts, which generally do not apply to normal campus users.
3. [Precursor Chemicals](#): CSUA is required for **ALL** precursor chemicals identified by the Alabama Board of Pharmacy in the Alabama Administrative Code (Section 20-2-181).

For more information, contact the Controlled Substances Program Manager at 205-934-2487.



If a chemical you required for research is classified as a Controlled Substance, you must apply for a Controlled Substance Use Authorization (CSUA) Number **BEFORE** work can begin!