

Benzodiazepine Class

Alprazolam:

Alprazolam is a synthetic psychoactive drug which is commonly used to treat anxiety. Alprazolam is a prescription only medicine. There is no legal limit for Alprazolam in the Irish Road Traffic Act. Medicines containing Alprazolam include Xanax and Gerax (source www.hpra.ie).

Alphahydroxyalprazolam:

Alphahydroxyalprazolam is the main metabolite of Alprazolam (see above). If someone takes Xanax or Gerax this metabolite will be detectable in their blood and urine. There is no legal limit for Alphahydroxyalprazolam in the Irish Road Traffic Act.

Diazepam:

Diazepam is the main active component of Valium and can be used to treat anxiety, muscle spasms and fits. It has several active metabolites including Temazepam and Oxazepam. There is no legal limit for Diazepam in the Irish Road Traffic Act. Medicines containing Diazepam include Valium and Anxicalm (www.hpra.ie).

Oxazepam:

Oxazepam is a drug and is also an active metabolite of other Benzodiazepines. Oxazepam is not available as medicine in Ireland. There is no legal limit for Oxazepam in the Irish Road Traffic Act.

Temazepam:

Temazepam is a drug and is also an active metabolite of other Benzodiazepines. Temazepam is not available as medicine in Ireland. There is no legal limit for Temazepam in the Irish Road Traffic Act.

Desalkylflurazepam:

Desalkylflurazepam is an active metabolite of Flurazepam. Flurazepam is used to treat insomnia. There is no legal limit for Desalkylflurazepam in the Irish Road Traffic Act. Medicines containing Flurazepam from which Desalkylflurazepam is derived include Dalmane (source www.hpra.ie).