**Aripiprazole**

*Abilify®, Abilify Maintena®, Aristada®, Auro-Aripiprazole®, PMS-Aripiprazole®, Sandoz Aripiprazole®, Teva-Aripiprazole®*

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**Alcohol**

*(Booze, ethyl or ethanol, adult beverage, brew, brewski, liquor, drink, shot, sauce, rot gut, hooch, giggle juice, moonshine, jello shots, wobbly pop)*

**Serious Risk for Harm**
Mixing aripiprazole and alcohol will reduce alertness and attention more than alcohol by itself. It will be more dangerous to drive if you mix alcohol and aripiprazole.

Also, aripiprazole sometimes makes people sleepy, dizzy and confused, especially at first as your body gets used to it. Alcohol can make this worse.

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**Think First**
If you are depressed, blue, or moody, alcohol is a 'downer' and will make you feel worse.

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**Tobacco**

*(smokes, butts, cigs, cigars, darts, stogies, cancer sticks, chew, dip)*

**Think First**
Smoking cigarettes does not seem to affect how aripiprazole works.

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**Caffeine**

*(coffee, java, joe, soda, pop, tea, energy drinks (Red Bull®, Monster®, Rock Star®, Amp®, NOS®, 5-hour Energy Drink®, Beaver Buzz®), chocolate, cocoa)*

**Think First**
Caffeine may make some of the side effects of aripiprazole worse. For example, the restlessness, pacing, "can't sit still" feeling. This is called 'akathisia'.

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**Cannabis/ Hash**

*(marijuana, mary jane, BC bud, blunt, chronic, J, jay, joint, hemp, pot, grass, herb, 420, dope, THC, weed, reefer, ganja, gangster, skunk, hydro, hash oil, weed oil, hash brownies, grease, boom, honey oil, K2, spice, poppers)*

**Serious Risk for Harm**
Aripiprazole can cause sleepiness, dizziness and confusion. Cannabis can make this worse, and make it more dangerous to drive or do activities that require alertness and attention.

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**Cocaine/ Crack**

*(coke, snow, flake, nose candy, blow, lady white, stardust, rock, crystal, bazooka, moon rock, tar)*

**Serious Risk for Harm**
A medical report showed that using the related medication risperidone and cocaine together can cause uncontrolled movements of the body. These uncontrolled movements, called 'dystonia' or 'EPS' can be painful cramps in the neck, tongue, face, or body, or uncontrolled eye movements.

**Think First**
Although there is inconsistent evidence for aripiprazole, other medicines in the same family have caused people to have a milder cocaine high.
Serious Risk for Harm

**OPIOIDS:** Aripiprazole can cause sleepiness, dizziness and confusion. Opioids can make this worse, and make it more dangerous to drive or do activities that require alertness and attention.

**METHADONE:** Taking methadone and aripiprazole together can cause you to have more side effect from aripiprazole such as uncontrolled movements of the body. These uncontrolled movements, called ‘dystonia’ or ‘EPS’ can be painful cramps in the neck, tongue, face, or body, or uncontrolled eye movements.

**Taking street doses of amphetamines or related stimulants like methylphenidate (Ritalin) together with aripiprazole can work against the helpful effects of aripiprazole and can cause uncontrolled movements of the body. These uncontrolled movements, called ‘dystonia’ or ‘EPS’ can be painful cramps in the neck, tongue, face, or body, or uncontrolled eye movements.**

Think First

Doctors will sometimes prescribe small amounts of medical amphetamines or stimulants to patients taking aripiprazole to help treat certain illnesses, but this is done very carefully.

Serious Risk for Harm

**KETAMINE:** Aripiprazole can cause sleepiness, dizziness and confusion. Ketamine can make this worse, and make it more dangerous to drive or do activities that require alertness and attention.

**KETAMINE:** Some people may have a milder ‘high’ with ketamine if they are also taking aripiprazole.

**PHENCYCLIDINE:** Some people may have a milder ‘high’ with phencyclidine if they are also taking aripiprazole.

**LSD/ Hallucinogens**

(acid, blotter, cartoon acid, hit, purple haze, trip, white lightning, raggedy ann, sunshine, window-pane, microbot, boomers, buttons, mesc, peyote, salvia, morning glory seeds, flying saucers, licorice drops, pearly gates, magic mushrooms, shrooms)

Think First

**MUSHROOMS:** Some people may have a milder ‘high’ with mushrooms, if they are also taking aripiprazole.

**Benzodiazepines**

(benzos, downers, tranquilizers, tranx, Ativan®, Halcion®, Rivotril®, Restoril®, Serax®, Valium®, Xanax®, Rohypnol® (roofies, rape the forget or date rape pill))

Serious Risk for Harm

Aripiprazole can cause sleepiness and confusion, especially at first as your body gets used to it. Benzodiazepines can make this worse, and make it more dangerous to drive or do activities that require alertness and attention.
Think First
Doctors will sometimes prescribe benzodiazepines to patients taking aripiprazole to help treat certain illnesses, but this is done very carefully.

Think First
Benzodiazepines are 'downers'. If you are depressed, blue, or moody, benzodiazepines can make this worse.

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