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## The Maryland Science Center

The Maryland Science Center is located in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. It opened on June 13, 1976. The center was designed by Edward Durrell Stone. He also designed the Kennedy Center. The Science Center has hands-on exhibits, the Davis Planetarium, and the I MAX Theater.

The center wants to give everyone a chance to understand more about science. More than 250,000 school children and teachers visit the center each year. They come to visit the Davis Planetarium and view its many original shows. Visitors can also see the Chesapeake Bay exhibit, Science Arcade, and the Hubble Space Telescope.

The Maryland Science Center is a non-profit organization. It is funded by the Maryland Academy of Sciences. Many fund-raisers are held for the center each year. The center is open seven days a week and offers different admission rates. The Science Center is an interesting place for people to discover Science.

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## Classifying Drugs

Drugs can affect body actions and change your personality. They can be classified into two groups according to what they do to people who take them. Drugs that speed up the nervous system are called stimulants. Drugs that slow down the nervous system are called depressants. Each of these groups affects the body and mind in special ways.

Stimulants may make you alert and keep you awake. In high doses, they may even cause you to be very excited and unable to rest or sleep. Some of these drugs may include amphetamines, cocaine, caffeine, or nicotine. Caffeine is found in coffee or colas. Nicotine is found in cigarettes. Stimulants have even been known to cause heart attacks because of their effect on the heart.

Drugs that slow down or depress the nervous system are called depressants. These include sedatives such as barbiturates, alcohol, and tranquilizers. Depressants dull the mind's understanding of pain. In medicine, they are used as painkillers. These drugs are called narcotics. They include morphine, opium, and codeine. In addition, these depressants are also very addictive.

In conclusion, drugs have a way of making people feel and act differently. It is important to know and understand what type of medicine you are taking at all times. Drugs should only be taken if they have been prescribed for you by your doctor.