Four youths offer to help LSD users with bad trips

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understanding. They may hold the person's hand. They show concern. They keep calm and are able to offer strength to the person who is experiencing undergoing a most fearful experience.

"We just try to talk straight to them," Hansen said. "We tell them they're not going to die. We tell them their fears are normal and the they will recover. We try to clear up some of their confusion."

By far the worst fear, according to the rescuers, is that the freaking out will never end.

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The person fears his mind will never recover.

"We desperately try to impress on them that it is a drug and it will wear off," Hansen said. "It may seem like an eternity, but it will wear off eventually."

One of the primary requirements for the LSD rescuers is that they have complete confidence and trust of those they try to help.

"One of the greatest fears of those freaking out is that they will be busted," Rice said. "They can be sure there will be no repercussions from our helping them."

The four men vowed never to reveal the names of the people they help.

"That would defeat our whole purpose," Rice said. "Everybody should have a place to go when they need help."



Hansen (left), Rice and Miller . . . "We've got to help."



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