

ZLORABA: abuse vs. misuse

<https://www.differencebetween.com/difference-between-abuse-and-vs-misuse/>

If, somebody uses a drug without knowing its purpose, then it leads to drug **misuse**. ... Here, to use the word **abuse** to refer to this action, the person should be **misusing** the drug until it becomes a dangerous habit. This is the main difference between abuse and misuse. **Abuse** is far more serious than **misuse** (*nepravilna uporaba*).

<https://www.quora.com/What-is-the-difference-between-misuse-of-power-and-abuse-of-power>

While these two terms are fairly common in regular usage, there is a fine line that separates the two which often goes unnoticed. The answer revolves around the intentions or emotive interests of an individual.

Abuse of power may be defined crisply as, unrestrained exercise of one's power and authority with an intention to express clout, often to the appeasement of one's ego and whims. Abuse of one's power may encroach upon others' liberties and rights causing collateral damage.

Misuse of power, in layman terms, can be defined as use of power for purpose other than that prescribed by law. May, seldom, be subtle in form as compared to abuse and generally goes unnoticed without any violation of others' fundamental rights.