

STREET NAMES:

- Amp
- Blue belly
- Crystal
- La glass
- Speed
- White cross
- White crunch
- Tweak
- Crank

Methamphetamine

EFFECTS:

Methamphetamine is a dangerous and potent chemical, a poison that first acts as a stimulant but then begins to systematically destroy the body. It is associated with serious health conditions, including memory loss, aggression, psychotic behavior and potential heart and brain damage.

Highly addictive, meth burns up the body's resources, creating a devastating dependence that can only be relieved by taking more of the drug.

Crystal meth's effect is highly concentrated, and many users report getting (addicted) from the first time they use it. It is one of the hardest drug addictions to treat.

Dangers of Making Meth

The dangers of a residential meth lab are also as dramatic: fire explosions, pollution, short and long term health effects, chemical contamination of homes, vehicles, property. Children exposed to methamphetamine are subject to the dangerous effects of chemical contamination. Children may be subjected to fires and explosions, abuse and neglect, a hazardous lifestyle (including the presence of fire-arms), social problems, and other risks.

- Loss of appetite
- Increased heart rate, blood pressure, body temperature
- Disturbed sleep patterns
- Nausea
- Bizarre, erratic, sometimes violent behavior
- Hallucinations, hyperexcitability, irritability
- Panic and psychosis
- Convulsions, seizures and death from high doses.

- Permanent damage to blood vessels of heart and brain, high blood pressure leading to heart attacks, strokes and death
- Liver, kidney and lung damage
- Destruction of tissues in nose if sniffed
- Respiratory (breathing) problems if smoked
- Infectious diseases and abscesses if injected
- Malnutrition, weight loss
- Severe tooth decay
- Disorientation, apathy, confused exhaustion
- Strong psychological dependence
- Psychosis
- Depression
- Damage to the brain similar to Alzheimer's disease, stroke and from high doses.

Sources

Drug-Free World.org



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