

ECSTASY



Top: Ecstasy pill

Center: Ecstasy pills (source: Drug Enforcement Agency)

Lower: Ecstasy pills (source: Drug Enforcement Agency)

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF USE

Sudden extreme feelings of love and acceptance, confusion, jaw clenching, grinding teeth, vomiting or nausea, sweating, overly thirsty, missing money, a sudden change in appearance and/or attitude, unexplained absences, change in friends, attending all night dance parties (raves) or clubs

SHORT AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS

Short-term: blurred vision, increase in body temperature, chills, sweating, dehydration, confusion, anxiety, trance-like state, overly fixated on sights and sounds

Long-term: addiction, brain damage (memory and thought process), depression

STREET NAMES

Molly, X, E, ETC, Roll, Adam, Bean, Hug, Love Drug, Clarity



HOW IT'S USED

Swallowed or crushed and snorted

WHY IT'S DANGEROUS

Ecstasy comes in pill form with playful symbols/pictures imprinted onto them to appeal to younger people. The chemicals in ecstasy cause the body to overheat, which may cause a person to pass out from a heat stroke, and/or it may cause a person to become dehydrated and experience a heart attack. Both of these may cause the person under the influence to die. Using ecstasy for a long period of time causes permanent brain damage to the areas of the brain responsible for memory and problem solving.

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