HALUCINOGENS

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF USE

Confusion, loss of control, paranoia, missing money, a sudden change in appearance and/or attitude, unexplained absences, change in friends

SHORT AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS

Short-term: hearing and seeing things that do not exist (hallucinations), increased heart rate, increased blood pressure, tremors, loss of coordination, trouble speaking

Long-term: addiction, flashbacks, mental illness (schizophrenic psychosis), becoming mute and disoriented along with performing meaningless repetitive movements (catatonic)

STREET NAMES

Psilocybin Mushrooms—Shrooms, Magic Mushrooms, Caps
LSD—Acid, Cid, Blotter
Phencyclidine—PCP, Angel Dust, Rocket Fuel
Other Synthetic Hallucinogens—N-bomb, Smiles

HOW IT’S USED

Mushrooms are eaten or brewed in a tea and drank. LSD is usually dropped onto a tab of paper and placed on the tongue to dissolve. PCP may be eaten in a pill form or smoked when the liquid form is placed onto a cigarette or other object.

WHY IT’S DANGEROUS

Using hallucinogens may cause permanent brain damage causing uncontrollable flashbacks of hallucinations. The hallucinations may lead the person under the influence to harm him/herself or someone else. It may also cause a person to slip into a coma and/or become catatonic. It is also know to cause depression, anxiety, and/or paranoia.

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