

METHAMPHETAMINE



Top: Meth in crystal form
Center: Meth in powder form
Lower: Pipe and lighter used to smoke meth

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF USE

Weight loss, erratic behavior, excess energy, anxious, missing money, a sudden change in appearance and/or attitude, severely damaged teeth and gums, unexplained absences, change in friends

SHORT AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS

Short-term: hallucinations, violent behavior, feeling high (euphoria), unable to sleep, trouble speaking, increased body temperature, increased heart rate

Long-term: addiction, kidney disorders, lung disorders, brain damage, depression, anxiety, paranoia, hallucinations

STREET NAMES

Meth, Speed, Chalk, Tina, Ice, Crystal, Crank, Glass, Fire

HOW IT'S USED

Smoked, snorted, injected, or swallowed

WHY IT'S DANGEROUS

Methamphetamines are highly addictive and people under the influence experience a wide range of problems once use begins. People begin to lose weight, lose their teeth, and develop sores on their face and body after using methamphetamines for a long period of time. People also develop severe anxiety, paranoia, and tremors after long-term use. Overdose may occur and death from a heart attack or stroke is possible when using methamphetamine.

For help or information, call NCADA at
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