

COCAINE

A powerfully addictive stimulant drug.

ABOUT COCAINE

Addictive stimulant drug

Made from the leaves of the coca plant native to South America.

White, crystalline powder is the most familiar street-drug form.

Cocaine base (crack) looks like small, irregularly shaped white rocks.

ABUSE

When abused, the white powder form is snorted, or dissolved in water and injected. "Crack" is cocaine that has been combined with water and baking soda and boiled to form solid "rocks". These are then heated and smoked. It gets its name from the crackling sound as it burns. "Freebase" is also smoked, but the process to manufacture it involves explosive chemicals making it exceedingly dangerous.

Street cocaine is often cut with other drugs or filler to increase its volume, potency, addictive potential or all three. Increasingly, fentanyl is being found cut into street versions, meaning users who think they are getting cocaine are actually getting a potentially fatal companion drug without their knowledge. The number of cocaine deaths in 2017 hit historic highs, largely the result of fentanyl-augmented street cocaine.

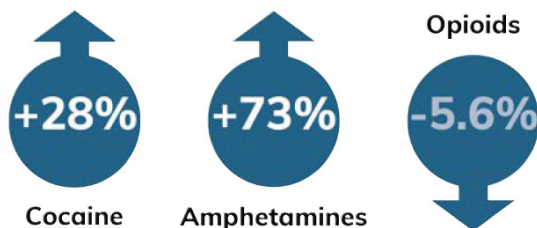
EFFECTS

The onset, intensity and duration of a cocaine high depends on potency of the ingested drug as well as method of ingestion. Smoking or injecting the drug brings an immediate and euphoric rush but is followed quickly by a crash characterized by extreme fatigue, irritability or depression. Snorting the drug brings on a similar rush that peaks within 15-20 and dissipates within an hour. Users typically ingest multiple doses to maintain a peak, resulting in deeper crashes.

REASONS TO ADD TO YOUR DRUG PANEL

- Cocaine deaths are at historically high levels.
- Along with amphetamines, growth in cocaine is rising while opioids fall.

Psychostimulants are on the rise.



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Amphetamines

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2015-2018 Data

TYPES

Powder Cocaine



Rock Cocaine



SLANG / STREET TERMS

Coca
Coke
Crack
Crank
Flake
Rock
Snow
Soda Cot
Nose Candy
Blow



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