

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS METHAMPHETAMINE

Street Names

Meth, Crank, Crystal, Ice, Speed, Go-fast

Method of Use

Swallowed, Smoked, Snorted, Injected



Symptoms/ Effects of Use

- Rush and euphoria
- Uncontrolled tremors
- Unpredictable behavior
- Paranoia, hallucinations (Meth psychosis)
- Repetitive motor activity
- Feeling of itchiness
- Increased alertness/wakefulness
- Hyperthermia
- Insomnia
- Convulsions
- Decreased appetite/extreme weight loss
- Death of brain cells and changes in brain structure
- Severe dental problems, including "Meth mouth"
- Heart damage (irregular heart beat)
- Behaviors similar to schizophrenia
- Tolerance
- Tweaking (occurs when an abuser has not slept in 3-15 days and is irritable and paranoid)
- Impaired memory and learning
- At higher risk for HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis B and C (due to IV use)



What to look for...

- Acne
- Sores that won't heal or take longer to heal (especially around the mouth)
- Appear years older
- Malnutrition
- Tired, droopy eyes
- Severe dental problems, including "Meth mouth"



Withdrawal Symptoms

- Depression
- Abdominal cramps
- Increased appetite
- Increased sleep ("crash")
- Cravings
- Anxiety
- Paranoia
- Aggression

Note: Each person may experience different symptoms/effects. This list is not inclusive. For more information, visit www.drugabuse.gov