

# Signs and Symptoms

## COCAINE

**Street Names:** Blow, C, Candy, Coke, Crack, Rock, Nose candy, Snow, Toot

**Method of Use:** Smoked, Snorted, Injected

### Symptoms/Effects of Use

- ▶ Euphoria
- ▶ Increased energy and mental alertness to sights, sounds, touch
- ▶ Talkative
- ▶ Dilated pupils
- ▶ Decreased appetite
- ▶ Bizarre, erratic, violent behavior
- ▶ Restlessness/ decreased sleep
- ▶ Irritability, anxiety, panic/paranoia
- ▶ Constricted blood vessels
- ▶ Nasal tissue destruction (*from snorting*)
- ▶ Abdominal pain/nausea
- ▶ Malnourishment
- ▶ Increased body temperature
- ▶ Increased blood pressure
- ▶ Increased heart rate
- ▶ Heart attack/respiratory failure
- ▶ Stroke
- ▶ Seizure
- ▶ Death (*mostly due to cardiac arrest or seizures*)

### What to Look For

- ▶ Bloodshot eyes
- ▶ Dilated pupils (*especially in low lighting - difficult to see any eye color around the pupil*)
- ▶ Insomnia
- ▶ Irritability
- ▶ Frequent mood swings
- ▶ Nosebleeds
- ▶ Nervousness, anxiety attacks, paranoia
- ▶ Weight loss
- ▶ Sweating
- ▶ Quick thoughts/movements with abnormally high energy

### Withdrawal Symptoms

- ▶ Depression (*"Crash", rest/recuperation for several days*)
- ▶ Fatigue/sleepiness
- ▶ Anxiety
- ▶ Cravings
- ▶ Vivid, unpleasant dreams
- ▶ Increased appetite

Note: Each person may experience different symptoms/effects. This list is not inclusive.  
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