

KETAMINE

signs and Symptoms

Street Names: Special K, Vitamin K, Cat killer, Cat valium, Purple, K

Method of Use: Snorted, Smoked, Injected

Symptoms/Effects of Use

- ▶ Lost sense of time, senses, and identity
- ▶ Amplified visual perception and sense of touch
- ▶ Muted sense of smells and tastes
- ▶ Euphoria
- ▶ Confusion
- ▶ May feel 'floaty' (*detached from your body/environment, "K hole"*)
- ▶ Paralyzed sensation
- ▶ Impaired attention, learning ability, motor function, and memory
- ▶ Increased heart rate
- ▶ Increased blood pressure
- ▶ Numbness
- ▶ Nausea/vomiting
- ▶ Hallucinations
- ▶ Paranoia/delusional thinking
- ▶ Egocentrism (*preoccupation with one's internal world*)
- ▶ Delirium and amnesia (*in high doses*)
- ▶ Fatal respiratory problems
- ▶ Personality changes

What to Look For

- ▶ Panic/paranoia
- ▶ Rage
- ▶ Slurred speech
- ▶ Muscle spasms (*may look like seizures*)
- ▶ Dry mouth
- ▶ Nervousness
- ▶ Hallucinations

Withdrawal Symptoms

(not clearly established)

- ▶ Nightmares
- ▶ Disorientation
- ▶ Sense of unreality

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