HELP IS AVAILABLE

If you or or someone you know is struggling with addiction, there are many resources including the substance abuse national hotline that is free, confidential, and available 24/7, 365 days a year.

1-800-662-HELP (4357) or TTY: 1-800-487-4889.

UNDERSTANDING AN OVERDOSE

Symptoms of an overdose include:

- Elevated heart rate
- Rise in body temperature
- Nausea and vomiting
- Chest pain
- Loss of consciousness

SIGNS OF USE INCLUDE:

- Dilated pupils
- Runny nose/nosebleeds
- Increased energy, activity, and restlessness
- Mood swings
- Weight loss
- Loss of interest in activities
- Changes in eatings or sleeping patterns

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

- Powder
- Rock crystal (also known as "freebase cocaine"). This form is most commonly known as crack
- Liquid solution. This is cocaine hydrocholoride, which can be used medicinally as a local anesthetic

HOW DO THEY WORK?

DOPAMINE

is a chemical that is critical to your brain's reward center.

Cocaine blocks the removal of dopamine, which builds up. This increase in dopamine levels causes the euphoria commonly experienced immediately after taking the drug.

A GREATER RISK NOW MORE THAN EVER

The synthetic-opioid fentanyl is a powdered drug that is often mixed with cocaine.

This mixture greatly increases the likelihood of a fatal overdose. The best way to avoid the risk of an accidental overdose is to avoid using cocaine entirely.

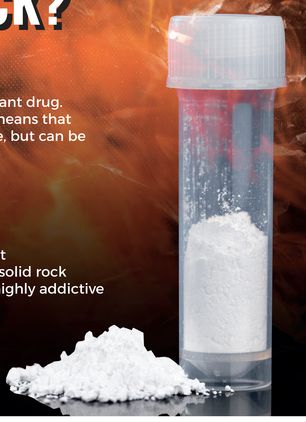
WHAT ARE COCAINE AND CRACK?

COCAINE

is a powerfully addictive stimulant drug. It is a Schedule II drug, which means that it has a high potential for abuse, but can be prescribed for medical use.

CRACK

is a mixture of cocaine, water, ammonia, and baking soda that is boiled together until it has a solid rock or crystal-like form. It is also a highly addictive and powerful stimulant.



LONG-TERM EFFECTS:

- Larger doses or more frequent use increases the risk of negative psychological or physiological effects
- Increased risk of stroke and damage to the heart
- Increased risk of seizures
- Brain function is impaired when it comes to: sustaining attention, impulse control, decision making, and more!!!

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