



## COCAINE & CRACK

Cocaine and crack are the same drug, prepared in different ways. Both are super-addictive. Both can cause death — sometimes suddenly, sometimes after years of suffering.

Cocaine is a white powder. Dealers often mix in talcum powder or cornstarch so they can make more money.

Crack is made by cooking cocaine with other chemicals. The cooking process forms a “rock,” which makes a crackling sound when smoked.

### DRUG ID

**Looks:** Fine white powder (cocaine); light-colored chunks or “rocks” (crack)

**Street Names:** Coke, blow, cane, rails, lines, C; Rock, base

**Methods of Use:** Sniffed or injected; crack is smoked

**Actions:** Cocaine users feel energetic, powerful, and happy — for a while. After about 5-10 minutes (crack), or 15-30 minutes (powdered cocaine), they crash. Then they feel worse than ever.

**Warning Signs:** Dilated pupils, dry mouth, shaking, muscle twitches, constant talking, constant motion

### THE NUMBERS

8.2% of 12th graders used cocaine at least once in their lives; 2.1% use it regularly.

Cocaine or crack abuse led to over 193,000 emergency room visits in 2001.

MAKE HEALTHY DECISIONS  
BE DRUG FREE!





- Dry mouth
- Racing heart
- Blurry vision
- Inability to sleep
- Lack of appetite and stomachache

## USING OVER TIME

- Addiction
- Irritability and depression
- Hearing imaginary things
- Heart attacks, stroke, and seizures
- Infections and respiratory failure

## WAY TO GO

Cocaine is not a drug a person can take and leave. It is terribly addictive and destructive. Addicts push away family and friends. They focus on getting cocaine. Too many times, it gets them first. Cocaine ruins lives, and it ends them. Stay away from cocaine.

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