



# HALLUCINOGENS

Hallucinogen users see, hear, or feel things that seem real, but do not exist. In ancient times, some people believed that hallucinations had spiritual value. Today, we know that hallucinations are caused by chemical reactions in the brain.

Read on to learn about two hallucinogens, psilocybin mushrooms and peyote/mescaline.

## DRUG ID

**Variety:** Psilocybin mushrooms are small, ~~brown or tan~~ mushrooms. They may be hard to tell apart from those that have no effects and those that may be poisonous.

Peyote is a small round cactus with button-like pods on its surface. Mescaline is made from the buttons or created in a lab.

**Street Names:** Psilocybin: Magic mushrooms, mushies, shrooms, liberty caps; Peyote/Mescaline: Buttons, Big Chief, mescalito

**Methods of Use:** Mushrooms: chewed or made into tea; Peyote: chewed; Mescaline: swallowed as capsules

**Actions:** Hallucinogens disturb moods, thoughts, perceptions, and the senses. Hallucinogen “trips” may be terrifying or pleasant.

**Warning Signs:** Psilocybin: Feeling cold; abdominal pain, nausea, and gas; dilated pupils; Peyote/Mescaline: Nausea; sweating; shaking





- Higher blood pressure
- Faster heart rate
- Nausea
- Numbness
- Shaking
- Quickly shifting emotions
- Altered senses

## USING OVER TIME

- Tolerance
- Possible psychosis

## WAY TO GO

Hallucinogens are dangerous for a number of reasons. They make you take risks that could injure yourself or others. You can overdose or accidentally poison yourself. Using hallucinogens can also lead to using other drugs. The reality is hallucinogens are a threat to your health.

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