

# KETAMINE

Ketamine is a “dissociative anesthetic.” It is used mostly in animal surgery. People on ketamine look awake, but are actually cut off from reality.

Ketamine dealers may steal the drug or smuggle it into the country. People use it to have an “out of body” experience. If they are unlucky, they could be out of their body forever.

## DRUG ID

**Looks:** Usually a white powder; sometimes clear liquid

**Street Names:** Ket, K, Special K, Vitamin K, cat tranquilizers, baby food, bumps, K-land, the K-hole

**Methods of Use:** Usually sniffed; sometimes swallowed or injected

**Actions:** Ketamine blocks pain and causes memory loss. Breathing and heart rate are altered. Most effects last about one hour, but some continue up to 48 hours.

**Warning Signs:** Outward signs vary a lot. Some people have sudden excess energy. Others become weak and motionless. Users may stumble, slur their speech, and seem confused.

## THE NUMBERS

2.5% of 12th graders surveyed in 2001 had tried ketamine at least once in the previous year.



- Blurry vision
- Anxiety and dizziness
- Nausea and vomiting
- No sense of pain
- Separation from reality
- Hallucinations
- Increased or decreased heart rate and blood pressure

## USING OVER TIME

- Psychological dependence
- Vision disturbances
- Flashbacks
- Memory loss
- Lowered heart rate
- Overdose and death

## WAY TO GO

People high on ketamine can injure themselves or others. Repeated use can cause psychological dependence. Overdoses of ketamine can kill. Keep away from ketamine.

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