

LSD

LSD (*lysergic acid diethylamide*) is the most common hallucinogen. Hallucinogens cause users to see, hear, or feel things that do not exist.

The LSD experience is called a “trip.” Some trips are pleasant. Some are horrible. It is impossible to know what kind of trip someone will have.

Many LSD users experience “flashbacks”—repeats of the drug experience, weeks or months after use, without warning.

DRUG ID

Looks: Brightly printed, tiny, paper stamps; gelatin squares; small tablets (“microdots”)

Street Names: Acid, blotter, cid, trips, doses, windowpanes

Methods of Use: Placed on or under tongue

Actions: LSD works on the areas of the brain that control mood, thought, perception, and the senses. The effects of LSD usually begin about half an hour after use and last up to 12 hours.

Warning Signs: People using LSD seem out of touch. They may be dizzy and confused. They sweat heavily, have bad body odor and a dry mouth.

THE NUMBERS

10.9% of 12th graders used LSD at least once in their lives; 2.3% use it regularly.

LSD abuse led to 2,821 emergency room visits in 2001.





- High blood pressure
 - Faster heart rate
 - Nausea
 - Numbness
 - Shaking
 - Quickly shifting emotions

USING OVER TIME

- Tolerance
- Flashbacks
- Psychosis (lost touch with reality)

WAY TO GO

LSD is an unpredictable, dangerous drug. It often leads to experimentation with other drugs. Many abusers suffer from flashbacks for months after using the drug. Keep it real. Don't use LSD.

GOOPY