

MDMA/ECSTASY

MDMA is short for *methylenedioxymethamphetamine*. It is best known as “Ecstasy.” The drug first became popular in the all-night dance party scene — the original “club drug” or “designer” drug. But underneath the hype, MDMA/Ecstasy is a dangerous chemical with health effects we are still discovering.

DRUG ID

Looks: Usually tablets in a variety of colors; sometimes capsules

Street Names: Ecstasy, E, Adam, XTC, hug drug, beans, love drug

Methods of Use: Swallowed

Actions: MDMA/Ecstasy has traits of both stimulants and hallucinogens. It speeds up users, and it makes them perceive things in unreal ways.

Warning Signs: People on MDMA/Ecstasy are tense. Their muscles may be tight, and they clench their teeth uncontrollably. They may have rapid eye movements, chills, or sweating.

THE NUMBERS

In 2001, Ecstasy contributed to 5,542 visits to emergency rooms nationwide, an increase of almost 23% over 2000 (4,510).

8.1 million people surveyed in 2001 had tried Ecstasy at least once.



- Higher body temperature, heart rate, and blood pressure
 - Dehydration
 - Disturbed sleep
 - Depression and anxiety
 - Psychological problems

USING OVER TIME

- Brain damage and memory loss
- Aggression
- Depression and anxiety
- Shortened attention span

WAY TO GO

Because MDMA/Ecstasy is a newer drug, scientists have not learned everything about how it injures users. It is known that the drug causes brain damage and occasionally kills users without warning. That's enough to ruin any party! Refuse to use Ecstasy.

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