

IN THE KNOW:

Methamphetamine

How It Affects the Body

Methamphetamine is a highly addictive stimulant that is largely used as a "club" drug. Meth is usually "cooked" in illegal labs using a mix of household chemicals and over the counter medications. The drug is highly addictive and causes physical and mental damage to users. Over 12 million people admitted to using methamphetamines and 500,000 of those consider themselves regular abusers. Meth destroys the body and mind.



BRAIN

Anxiety, Confusion, Insomnia, Mood Disorders, Violent Behavior, Psychosis, Hallucinations, Paranoia, Delusions, Permanent Brain Damage similar to Alzheimers and Parkinson's Disease



MOUTH

"Meth Mouth" - Extreme Decay and Tooth Loss



EYES

Dilated Pupils, Itchy eyes, blurred vision



BLOOD VESSELS

Constricting vessels lead to blood loss throughout the body.



SKIN

Premature Aging, gray skin, acne, sores from picking and itching



HEART

Increased heart rate and loss of blood flow leads to a higher risk of heart attack and stroke.



LUNGS

Infections, Bleeding, Collapsed Lungs, Serious Lung Disease



STOMACH

Loss of Appetite, Weight Loss



INTESTINES

lack of blood flow causes holes and "death" of bowel tissue which leads to sepsis (a powerful infection)

USING METH WHILE PREGNANT RAISES THE RISK OF:

Cleft Lip, Physical Abnormalities
Low Birth Weight
Mental and Developmental Disorders
Delayed Motor Development



One Dose = Addiction. Don't Mess with Meth!