

PCP

PCP (*phencyclidine*) was used as a surgical anesthetic in the 1950s, but doctors found that its side effects were upsetting. Patients felt like they were out of their bodies and removed from their surroundings.

People who abuse PCP have the same feelings, only worse. PCP users panic and become violent. They believe they have superhuman strength. These effects often cause abusers to hurt themselves or others. PCP also hurts users' physical and mental health.

DRUG ID

Looks: Light-colored powder or tablets

Street Names: Angel dust, boat, dummy dust, supergrass (when mixed with marijuana), zombie

Methods of Use: Sniffed, swallowed, or smoked (often with tobacco, marijuana, or herbs)

Actions: PCP disrupts parts of the brain that contribute to thinking, learning, feeling emotions, and feeling pain. It also affects the brain's pleasure center and causes a "rush" or "high."

Warning Signs: People high on PCP seem out of touch with reality. They often make weird body movements or poses. Their breathing may be quick and shallow.

THE NUMBERS

PCP abuse led to 6,102 emergency room visits in 2001.



- Abnormal heart rate, blood pressure, and body temperature
- Nausea
- Blurry vision
- Dizziness
- Separation from reality
- Numbness

USING OVER TIME

- Memory loss
- Depression
- Addiction
- Kidney damage
- Convulsions
- Coma
- Poor breathing
- Bone fractures or other injuries
- Increased body temperature

WAY TO GO

Experimenting with PCP is a potentially deadly game. People can be injured or even killed during any single use. They may also cause harm to others. Say no to PCP and yes to reality.

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