Methamphetamine

Drug Classification: Stimulant
Drug Schedule: II
Addiction Potential: HIGH

Modes of Administration
Oral (powder, capsule or pill)
Inhalation (crystallized form smoked)

Onset of Drug Effect(s)
Methamphetamine was created in a chemistry lab - it is an artificial chemical substance.

Methamphetamine basically keeps you awake - people use it if they want to stay up. Unfortunately, it can keep them up for days. Some people feel high, others just feel like they have had way too much coffee. The average dose of methamphetamine can last anywhere from 4-8 hours!

Drug Action(s)
Acute effects on the mind and body include:
  • Increased heart rate
  • Breathing difficulty
  • Loss of appetite
  • Hyperactivity
  • Insomnia
  • Irritability
  • Confusion and mild hallucination

Long terms effects on the mind and body include:
  • Development of anorexia
  • Stroke, due to damage done to heart and blood vessels
  • Reduced levels of dopamine, leading to Parkinson’s disease-like symptoms
  • Psychotic symptoms (auditory hallucinations, paranoia, hostility)
  • Intense drug cravings
  • Chronic stress syndrome
  • HIV infection (associated with injection drug use)