PCP

Drug Classification: Hallucinogen
Drug Schedule: I
Addiction Potential: Moderate

Modes of Administration
Oral (eaten)
Intranasal (snorted into the nose)
Inhalation (smoked in pipes, bowls or joints)

Onset of Drug Effect(s)
PCP was developed in 1950 and was used as an IV anesthetic. The drug produces a rapid onset and can last up to several hours.

Drug Action(s)
PCP results in a “rush” or euphoria in the user, as it blocks pain and stimulates dopamine in the brain.

Acute effects on the mind and body include:
- Shallow rapid breathing
- Increased blood pressure/heart rate/respiration
- Elevated body temperature
- Nausea
- Blurred vision
- Decreased pain awareness
- Distortion of time, place, and body
- Suicidal behavior

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