

PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS

The use of Cocaine / Crack may cause:

- Lowered Motivation
- Depression
- Hallucinations (Seeing, hearing or feeling things that are not there)
- Paranoia / Delusion
- Agitation, violence



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COCAINE USE



COCAINE

Cocaine is a fine, white, crystal-like powder derived from the leaves of the coca plant which grows in South America.

Users typically snort, inject, or smoke this powerful and highly addictive stimulant, which acts quickly but fades fast, often leading to feelings of depression after the high.

Cocaine withdrawal causes the user to experience feelings of inadequacy, confusion, anxiety, fear and depression. "Cocaine psychosis" results in losing touch with reality, loss of interest in friends, family, sports, hobbies, foods, sex and other activities.



WHAT IS "CRACK"

- Crack is the street name given to cocaine that has been processed with ammonia or baking soda so that it can be smoked to produce a more intense "high".
- It is an extremely potent and addictive form of cocaine that has been prepared for smoking.
- It is a yellowish-white, beige or slightly brownish "rock" that looks like a piece of soap. It is in particular, associated with aggressive paranoid behaviour.



HEALTH EFFECTS

Cocaine use may cause:

- Chest pains
- Heart attack
- Dilated pupils
- Distorted perception
- Increased blood pressure and heart rate
- Increased breathing rate and body temperature
- Sexual dysfunction
- Constriction of the blood vessels
- Inadequate nourishment of the tissues
- Gastric ulcer formation
- Perforation of the nasal septum
- Stroke