

Q. What is Meth?

A. Methamphetamine (or Meth for short) is an addictive stimulant that strongly activates certain systems in the brain. The effects of Meth can last from 6 to 24 hours. Users may become addicted quickly, and use it more often and in larger doses.

Q. What does Meth look like?

A. Meth is a crystal-like powdered substance that sometimes comes in large rock-like chunks. When the powder flakes off the rock, the shards look like glass, which is another nickname for Meth. Meth is usually white or slightly yellow, depending on how pure it is.

Q. What are the street names/slang terms for Meth?

A. Chalk, Crank, Croak, Crypto, Crystal, Fire, Glass, Meth, Tweek, White Cross, Tina.

Q. What are the physical effects of Meth?

A. Methamphetamine releases high levels of the neurotransmitter dopamine, which stimulates brain cells, enhancing mood and body movement. It also appears to have a neurotoxic effect, damaging brain cells that contain dopamine and serotonin, another neurotransmitter. Over time, Methamphetamine appears to cause reduced levels of dopamine, which can result in symptoms like those of Parkinson's Disease, a severe movement disorder.

Meth causes increased heart rate and blood pressure and can cause irreversible damage to blood vessels in the brain, which can cause strokes. Other effects of Meth include respiratory problems, irregular heartbeat and extreme anorexia.

If you suspect Meth activity is taking place in your neighborhood call the Meth Tip Hotline at: 1-866-METH-TIP

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