

# Methamphetamine



## Street Names for Methamphetamine

Batu, Chicken Feed, Chunky Love, Christina, Chalk, Chalk Dust, Crank, Cotton Candy, Crystal, Crystal Glass, Crystal Meth, C.R., Cris, Cristy, Dunk, Gak, Garbage, Geep, Getter, Geet, Getgo, Go Fast, Go-Go Juice, Hanyak, Hironpon, Hiropon, Hot Ice, Ice, Ice Cream, Junk, Kaksonjae, LA Ice, LA Glass, No Doze, Pookie, Poor Man's Coke, Quartz, Quick, Redneck Cocaine, Rocket Fuel, Scooby Shards, Shabu, Snax, Speed, Stove Top, Super Ice, Tina, Trash, Tweak, Ventana, Vidrio, Wash, White Cross, White Crunch, Yaba, Yellow Bam.

Many of these names have been around for years, while others are current terms that may not be as popular. Some may have gotten their roots from other countries or old stories. There is no doubt that there could be other names for this drug. Many groups especially fraternities and college-based groups, may have their own special or unique names. Familiarizing yourself with these names will empower you to make informed decisions.

***Remember these can change at any time. "So Listen Up!" Our kids have learned these names and so can you.***

## What is Methamphetamine?

Methamphetamine is neurotoxin. Neurotoxin directly affects and damages the nervous system. It is a dangerous and powerfully addictive stimulant that dramatically affects parts of the brain specifically, the central nervous system. This drug can be made in makeshift laboratories with relatively inexpensive over-the-counter ingredients.

When in its development stages methamphetamine produces a toxic chemical vapor. People who are exposed to these vapors can be faced with serious health problems and could possibly even die from them. The production of Methamphetamine can result in a strong odor. These odors have been said to smell like cat urine, rotten eggs, fingernail polish and more. Just living next to a meth lab can put you in danger.

## This is how Methamphetamine is sometimes used.

- Smoked
- Orally
- Snorted
- Injected
- In drinks
- Suppository

**Smoked:** When Meth is smoked it causes a person's teeth to decay. This is due to all of the chemicals that Meth is made from. **Chemicals like:** Battery acid, Lantern fuel, Antifreeze, Drain cleaner and more. This drug also causes the user to crave sodas and other carbonated drinks that are bad for the teeth. This problem is often referred to as Meth Mouth.

**Snorting:** To some people this is a more common method of use, the crystal shards are chopped up or crushed into a powder form then the powder is inhaled into the nose using a straw. This causes nose bleeds, inflammation of the mucous lining the nose, infection and more.

**Orally:** Crystal Meth is said to be extremely bitter tasting so most people who choose to do meth orally put it in capsules.

Many people think methamphetamine is an illegal street drug, but there is also a medical use for it and it is used to treat different types of medical conditions. Methamphetamine is known to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorders also known as **ADHD**. Strangely, it also has been linked to treating obesity, but this is usually prescribed and closely monitored by a physician.

**Injected:** As if just doing this drug wasn't bad enough, some people choose this way as a common method in doing this drug. By injecting Meth into your blood stream you are not only choosing an incredibly quick way to get high but, you alter the senses your brain. In some cases users have been known to feel insects crawling under their skin which causes them to pick and tear at their own flesh leaving behind open sores that can quickly become infected.

**Meth spiked drink:** This is an act of adding Meth to someone's beverage. It can be anything from a soft drink to an alcoholic beverage, and it is normally done without permission. Normally this is done in hope of persuading an individual into doing something they would normally not be willing to do. This intent could have many purposes; from having sex, to wanting to steal or even assaulting them. Be aware of the possible signs, they could include becoming dizzy or not being able to not communicate properly. Other symptoms could include poor coordination or blacking out.

**Suppository:** Yes you read it right! Methamphetamine has been known to be administered both anally and vaginally. It is said to bring sexual pleasure to the person when used this way. It is also believed to have a longer and lasting high than the other methods. Suppository meth is also known as "Hopping, Booty Bumps and Butt Rockets." In spite of the added effects this is the least used method.

## **There are deferent types of Methamphetamine.**

Methamphetamine is classified in three different categories.

**SPEED** is a white, odorless, bitter-tasting powder that can easily be dissolved in water or alcohol. Speed stimulates brain cells therefore enhancing the individual's mood as well as their body movement. Every drug has its own separate set of issues that come with using it. Speed has a danger that some people do not pay attention to. A person who drinks alcohol while on speed can run the risk of overdrinking without even knowing it. This person can wake anywhere even in someone else's bed.

**CRANK** is a street term used to describe a low purity of crystallized methamphetamine. This form of meth is normally sold as powder and is cut with other dangerous chemical agents. This is considered the "dirty" form of Methamphetamine.

**ICE** is a slang term to describe the purest form of Methamphetamine. This form of Methamphetamine is commonly referred to as the "Devils Drug". This is the most dangerous drug to ever hit the street. Anyone who does this drug will instantly become addicted. As the addiction progresses the user will need more and more of the drug. When people use this drug they will experience psychotic symptoms causing paranoia or delusions, as well as lashing out with extreme violence. These actions can last for day's even weeks.

## How long does a Methamphetamine high last?

**SPEED/CRANK:** Dealers who sell speed often mix or cut the drug with other things that may look the same, to make the drug go further. Some mixed-in substances can have both unpleasant and harmful effects. It is difficult to tell what the drug actually contains. What this drug does to a person depends on:

- What else is in the drug
- Your height and weight
- Whether the person is using it with another drug

The effects generally last for about 5-15 hours. Again, this highly depends on dosage intake, tolerance levels and what it could have been mixed with.

**ICE:** is more potent and stronger than any other form of Methamphetamine. This drug also puts more of a stain on a person's mind and body. Effects can vary from person to person specifically because of their tolerance level. Depending on how this drug is taken, the effects can last as short as a half an hour or as long as 24 hours.

**Note:** The most dangerous side effect of this drug is when the person is coming down off of it. Users tend to become very violent and experience severe mood swings.

## What are the negative effects of doing Methamphetamine?

Problems that come from using Crystal Meth include Paranoia, Confusion, Hallucinations, Anxiety, Violent behavior and Insomnia. Even after the person has stopped using the drug these negative effects can sometimes still surface.

Other symptoms could include:

- **Meth Bugs** The use of meth causes people to think there are bugs crawling under their skin causing them to constantly pick at their own skin.
- **Meth Mouth** This is where the mouth becomes damaged by the use of the drug and rapid tooth decay starts causing teeth to become fractured and eventually falling out.
- **Gum Disease** Teeth and gums need a constant source of blood to stay healthy. Meth causes blood vessels that supply blood to oral tissues to shrink up. Reduced blood supply causes tissues to break down. If this continues to happen, the blood vessels will not recover and the tissue will die.
- **Unpredictable behavior** This drug causes a person to go through a psychological addiction causing them to be frustrated, which can lead to unpredictable violent behavior.

## Signs of withdrawal from Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine withdrawal symptoms vary depending on the person. These withdrawal symptoms can range from unpleasant fatigue, depression, hunger, anxiety, paranoia and even violence. The effects of this drug are not to be taken lightly

Even taking small amounts of this drug can cause:

- Anxiety
- Violent behavior
- Psychotic behavior
- Delusions and Paranoia
- Homicidal or Suicidal thoughts
- The inability to sleep
- Cardiovascular collapse
- Death by accidental overdose

No one should think of doing this drug because its effects are clear and unforgiving. If you or someone is having a hard time dealing with life, doing this drug will only make it harder for you.

## Listed below are some local rehabs from the Philadelphia area

### Fairmount Behavioral Health System

561 Fairthorne Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 191  
215-487-4000

Website: [www.fairmountbhs.com](http://www.fairmountbhs.com)

### Resources for Human Development

4700 Wissahickon Avenue, Suite #126  
Philadelphia, PA 19144-4248  
Office: 215-951-0300

Website: [www.rhd.org](http://www.rhd.org)

### North Philadelphia Health Systems

8TH Street & Girard Ave 11 Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19123  
(215) 787-2131

Web Site: [nphs.com](http://nphs.com)

### Oxford Rehabilitation Center

6735 Harbison Ave  
Philadelphia, PA 19149  
(215) 725-2000

Web site: [www.oxfordrehab.com](http://www.oxfordrehab.com)