

ECSTASY



Street Names for Ecstasy

Adam, Beans, Batman's, Bibs, Candy, Care bears, Doctor, Cat in the hat, Dancing Shoes, Disco Biscuits, Doves, E, E-bomb, Egg Rolls, Eve, Four leaf clover, Happy Pill, Love pill, Lovers' special, Lover's speed, Hug Drug, Love Drug, Malcolm (or Malcolm X), MDMA, Mini beans, Morning Shot, Party Pack, Piggybacking, Rave energy, Rolls Royce, Rolls, Scooby Snacks, Smarties, Sweets, Skittles, Stars, Superman's, Thizz, Tom and Jerries, Tweety Birds, Ultimate Xphoria, Wafers, Wheels, Vitamin E or Vitamin X, Vowels, X, X-ing, X-Pills, XTC.

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 Ecstasy?

Ecstasy is a mixture of unknown chemicals, poisons and drugs stamped into pill form. Ecstasy is considered to be a date rape drug because of the effects it has on the person who takes it. This drug produces a positive feeling of empathy for others, eliminating any anxiety a person may have and produces extreme relaxation. Many teenagers who take Ecstasy believe that it is harmless, but what they don't know is that this drug can have serious effects on their brain as well as their body, and can sometimes even cause death.

This is how Ecstasy is sometimes used.

This drug is most often available in a tablet form and is usually ingested orally. But this drug is also available in power and is sometimes snorted and occasionally smoked, but rarely injected. Ecstasy is rarely consumed with alcohol, because it is believed to diminish its effects. However, it is most often distributed at late-night parties, nightclubs, rock concerts and other places where alcohol may be present.

How long does this high last?

Its effects can last from four to six hours depending on the person.

What are the Effects of taking Ecstasy?

One of the drugs that Ecstasy is sometimes mixed with is MDMA. MDMA stands for: **M**ethylene **D**ioxy **M**ethamphetamine **A**mphetamine. This was used in psychotherapy until it was banned in the U.S. in 1985 and is now used illicitly as a hallucinogen and mood-enhancer. (**Ecstasy**) One of the biggest issues with MDMA is that it dehydrates the body and the brain extremely fast causing heart failure and even death.

Some side effects can include but are not limited to:

- Brain damage ➤ hallucinations ➤ Sadness or depression ➤ Anxiety or Intense Fear
- Nausea ➤ Passing out ➤ Blurred vision ➤ Seizures
- Addiction ➤ Liver problems ➤ Kidney problems ➤ Loss of memory
- Mood swings ➤ Increase in heart rate and blood pressure ➤ Death

Note: It is very important to seek out the advice of a doctor if you are if you are trying to stop someone's drug addiction. Quitting abruptly can be very dangerous, certain drugs can cause seizures or even death. A softer approach may be needed like a step down program to gradually remove the drug from the persons system.

Withdrawal Symptoms Include:

- Agitation ➤ Anxiety ➤ Depression ➤ Insomnia
- Psychosis ➤ Panic Attacks ➤ Sleeplessness ➤ Paranoid Delusions
- ("De-realization") Loss of reality ➤ (De-personalization) Lack of personal ego

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

Resources for Human Development

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

Website: www.rhd.org

Oxford Rehabilitation Center

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

Web site: www.oxfordrehab.com

North Philadelphia Health Systems

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

Web Site: nphs.com