

PSILOCYBIN

- Active ingredient in several species of mushroom and other fungi that grow in Canada
- Effects are felt within half an hour and will last several hours.
- Effects include relaxation, separation from surroundings, heaviness and lightness.
- Larger doses create abdominal pain, numbness, shivering, sweating and perceptual distortions.
- These drugs may precipitate psychosis in vulnerable users.
- After using psilocybin, users must abstain from using for several days to regain sensitivity or users may become psychologically dependent.



Signs of Abuse

If someone is a user of hallucinogens they may

- Interpret input from one sense to another, such as hearing colors.
- Permanent changes in mental perception.
- Have tremors and flashbacks; even years after last use
- Have delusions, hallucinations and euphoria
- May have loss of appetite and depression
- Be overly affectionate, wanting to touch a lot.
- Be very aggressive and possibly violent
- The individual may grind their teeth excessively and their pupils will be extremely dilated.

Facts about Hallucinogens

- 33.7 million North Americans ages 12 and older have reported using hallucinogens.
- They cause extreme auditory and visual hallucinations which may be euphoric or terrifying.
- Ecstasy is usually embossed with a logo such as a butterfly, lightning bolt or clover; each being a different strength or type of MDMA.
- Ecstasy costs only a few cents to



Hallucinogens



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What are Hallucinogens?

- Hallucinogens are drugs that dramatically affect perception, emotions and mental processes
- The term “hallucinogen” came from the Latin word allucinari, meaning to dream, to wander in the mind.
- Hallucinogens are sometimes called illusionogenic or psychedelic
- They distort the senses and can cause hallucinations – sensory images similar to dreams or nightmares.
- The most known is LSD
- There are no medical uses for hallucinogens but in the past they were experimented with to treat psychiatric disorders.
- MDMA or ecstasy has become very popular recently in the dance scene at clubs.



Types and Street Names

PCP – Phencyclidine – Powder, table or paste. Sniffed, smoked, swallowed or injected. Street names are angel dust, elephant and hog.

LSD – Lysergic Acid Diethylamide – Sold on the street as colored drops on blotting paper, tablets, or liquid solution. Usually taken orally. Street names are acid and blotter.

MDMA – Methylenedioxy Methamphetamine – Usually a white tablet taken orally. Street names are ecstasy, euphoria, X, XTC, and Adam.

PSILOCYBIN – Distributed as mushrooms or in capsules containing powder. Taken orally. Street names are magic mushrooms and shrooms.

PCP

- Moderate dose effects last 3-18 hours, high doses may last for several days. A state of intoxication, perceptual distortions are common effects.
- People may become highly confused, paranoid and terrified.
- Over doses can cause seizures, coma and death
- Long-term effects include persistent speech problems, depression, severe psychological consequences and anxiety
- Regular use may produce tolerance and users may become psychologically dependant.

LSD

- LSD is synthesized from lysergic acid which is found in a fungus growing on various grains. It is produced specifically for illegal drug use.
- Effects are felt within an hour of use, and last 2-12 hours.
- Colors appear brighter, perception intensifies and objects are more sharply defined.
- Extreme mood swings, joy, depression, anxiety, terror and aggression can occur.
- Decreased motivation and interest, or prolonged depression and anxiety are common.
- Long-term effects are highs spontaneously occurring days, weeks, months and years later.

MDMA

- Produced in labs specifically for illegal drug use
- Effects occur in 30-60 minutes and typically last 8 hours
- MDMA produce a sense of well-being, heightened tactile sensations and emotions.
- Pupils dilate, blood pressure increase and nose and throat become very dry.
- Overdoses can cause death, frequent deaths occur from hyperthermia (over-heating) and dehydration.
- Regular use may result in weight loss, exhaustion, flashbacks, depression, paranoia, psychosis and liver damage.
- With repeated use tolerance may develop, and chronic users may become psychologically dependent.