

Cocaine

LEGAL STATUS: Illegal
CLASS A

Worth knowing...

- Regular cocaine use can cause serious heart and blood pressure problems
- Regular use can be very expensive because the effects only last around 20-30 minutes, making the user want more
- Although much cheaper than in the past, cocaine still has an image associated with a glamorous lifestyle.

OTHER NAMES/SLANG:

Angie, charlie, c-dust, coca, hooter, mojo, nose, snort, white horse.

USUALLY FOUND AS:

White powder or a solution (for injection).

HOW IT'S TAKEN:

Powder sniffed up the nose, often through a straw; sometimes injected.

SIGNS OF POSSIBLE USE:

White powder; rolled banknotes; straws; unaccustomed use of razors, mirrors.

EFFECTS ON USER:

Increases alertness, energy and feelings of confidence. It also increases pulse rate and blood pressure. Eyes become light-sensitive and pupils dilate. Regular cocaine use can result in lack of appetite, inability to sleep, aggressive behaviour and feelings of acute anxiety or paranoia.

