

Crack cocaine

LEGAL STATUS: Illegal
CLASS A

OTHER NAMES/SLANG:

Base, baby-t, candy, freebase, rock, scotty, snow coke, stones, troop, whack, white ball.

USUALLY FOUND AS:

Rock crystal.

HOW IT'S TAKEN:

Usually smoked, but can be injected.

SIGNS OF POSSIBLE USE:

Lumps about the size of a raisin; razors; pipes; glass tubes; plastic bottles; foil; and syringes.

EFFECTS ON USER:

Makes users feel exhilarated, confident and wide awake. Increases pulse rate and blood pressure. Eyes become light sensitive and pupils dilate. Regular crack use can result in lack of appetite, inability to sleep, aggressive behaviour and feelings of acute anxiety or paranoia; wheezing and breathing problems from smoking the drug.

Worth knowing...

- Smoking crack can cause intense craving to repeat the experience
- The effects are even more short-lived than sniffing cocaine powder, and using the drug regularly can become very expensive
- Smoking can cause breathing problems including 'crack cough' and 'crack lung'
- Crack use has become increasingly common
- Crack is often sold in twists of cellophane and smoked in a homemade pipe ('bong')
- It can be converted back to cocaine for injection.

