

Magic mushrooms

LEGAL STATUS: Illegal
CLASS A

OTHER NAMES/SLANG:

Liberty cap, shrooms, mushies, amanita muscaria, psilocybe semilanceata, psilocybin.

USUALLY FOUND AS:

Dried mushroom, sometimes cooked.

HOW IT'S TAKEN:

Swallowed raw, cooked or brewed into a beverage, often after drying.

It's a fact...

The main danger in experimenting with mushrooms lies in taking the wrong kind. Some types of mushroom are highly poisonous.

SIGNS OF POSSIBLE USE:

Any dried mushrooms.

EFFECTS ON USER:

Effects vary according to strength and dose, but may include hallucinations, euphoria, giggling, greater confidence, hearing and seeing things differently and the sense of time changing.

Worth knowing...

- These small mushrooms grow in Britain in the autumn
- The trip is often milder and shorter than LSD and typically lasts about 4 hours
- The user can get flashbacks where they relive part of the trip and, as with LSD, bad trips can be terrifying
- If the user has a mental health problem, magic mushrooms might complicate it
- There's always the risk of taking a poisonous mushroom by mistake, as they look quite similar.



Actual size