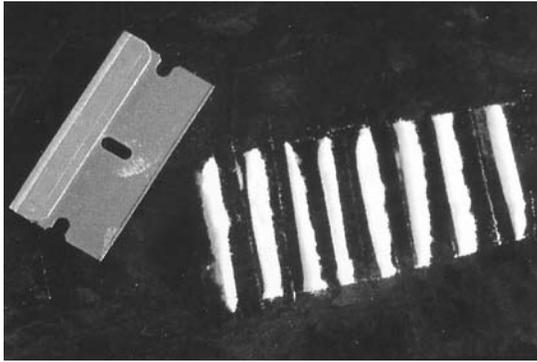


What is powdered cocaine?

Powdered cocaine (cocaine hydrochloride) is a stimulant that is extracted from the leaves of the coca plant, which is native to South America. In the late 19th century, cocaine was used as an anesthetic, but the availability of safer drugs rendered many of its medical applications obsolete. Today powdered cocaine is abused for the intense euphoric effects it produces.



What does it look like?

Cocaine typically is sold to users as a fine, white, crystalline powder.

How is powdered cocaine abused?

Powdered cocaine typically is snorted (inhaled through the nose), although it may be dissolved in water and injected. When snorted, the drug is absorbed into the bloodstream through the nasal membranes. The drug reaches the brain - and produces its euphoric effect - within 3 to 5 minutes. When injected, the drug is released directly into the bloodstream and reaches the brain within 15 to 30 seconds.

What is crack cocaine?

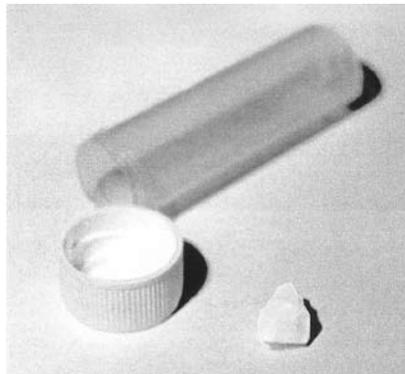
Crack cocaine is a highly addictive and powerful stimulant that is derived from powdered cocaine using a simple conversion process. Crack emerged as a drug of abuse in the mid-1980's. It is abused because it produces an immediate high and because it is easy and inexpensive to produce - rendering it readily available and affordable.

How is crack produced?

Crack is produced by dissolving powdered cocaine in a mixture of water and ammonia or sodium bicarbonate (baking soda). The mixture is boiled until a solid substance forms. The solid is removed from the liquid, dried, and then broken into the chunks (rocks) that are sold as crack cocaine.

What does crack look like?

Crack typically is available as rocks. Crack rocks are white (or off-white) and vary in size and shape.



How is crack abused?

Crack is nearly always smoked. Smoking crack delivers large quantities of the drug to the lungs, producing an immediate and intense euphoric effect.

What are the risks?

Cocaine, in any form, is a powerfully addictive drug, and addiction seems to develop more quickly when crack smoked rather than when powdered cocaine is snorted.

In addition to the usual risks associated with cocaine use (constricted blood vessels; increased temperature, heart rate and blood pressure; and risk of cardiac arrest and seizure), crack users may experience acute respiratory problems, including coughing, shortness of breath, and lung trauma and bleeding. Crack cocaine smoking also can cause aggressive and paranoid behavior.

Is cocaine illegal?

Yes, both crack and powdered cocaine are illegal and are Schedule II substances under the Controlled Substances Act. Schedule II drugs, which include PCP and methamphetamine, have a high potential for abuse. Abuse of these drugs may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence.

Street Terms for Powdered Cocaine

Aspirin	Joy Powder
Aunt	Marching Powder
Birdie Powder	Pariba
Bolivian Marching Powder	Powder Diamonds
Bouncing Powder	Shake
Candy Sugar	Shrile
Devil's Dandruff	Soft
Fast White Lady	Star-Spangled Powder
Flake	Sugar Boogers
Flave	Uptown
Foolish Powder	White Boy
Friskie Powder	White Dragon
Happy Powder	Yao



Street Terms for Crack Cocaine

24-7	Hard Ball
Badrock	Hard Rock
Beat	Hotcakes
Candy	Ice Cube
Chemical	Jelly Beans
Cloud	Nuggets
Cookies	Paste
Crumbs	Piece
Crunch & Munch	Prime Time
Devil Drug	Product
Dice	Raw
Electric Kool-Aid	Rock(s)
Fat Bags	Scrabble
French Fries	Sleet
Glo	Snow Coke
Gravel	Tornado
Grit	Troop
Hail	

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