

Police: Methamphetamine



Methamphetamine is a powerful stimulant. The street version of the drug is most often manufactured illegally in underground labs. It is also known as "speed" or "crystal" when it is swallowed or sniffed; as "crank" when it is injected; and as "ice" when it is smoked. All forms are extremely dangerous and induce long-lasting, debilitating effects.

Side effects of methamphetamine use include irritability, nervousness, insomnia, nausea, hot flashes, dryness of the mouth, sweating, palpitations, and hypertension. Excessive doses can produce mental confusion, severe anxiety, and paranoia. Continued moderate to chronic use may lead to physical dependence and even death.