



AMPHETAMINE

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WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Amphetamine is also known as speed, base, billy and whizz. It usually is an off white powder but can also look like small crystals or a pinkish-grey putty.

HOW IS IT USED?

There are different ways amphetamine is used. It can be rolled up in a rizla paper and swallowed (known as bombed), dabbed on to the gums, snorted in lines of powder or even injected.

WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS AND RISKS?

The reason people may take amphetamine is to make them feel alert, energised and chatty. However what goes up must come down and oh what a nasty come down it is! When the drug wears off, it is very difficult to relax or sleep and the come down can last for days making users feel depressed and lethargic. It can cause anxiety, aggression, paranoia and psychotic episodes (where you see and hear things that aren't real and have false beliefs about the world). Injecting creates even more problems such as damage to the veins and arteries and risks of spreading viruses such as HIV if drug equipment is shared.

WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY?

Amphetamine is a class B drug which means if someone gets caught they could get up to 5 years in prison for possession and if dealing, up to 14 years in prison. If the amphetamine is prepared for injection, it goes up to a class A drug which carries a 7 year prison sentence for possession and up to life for dealing.