

# LSD

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### WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

LSD stands for lysergic acid diethylamide which is its chemical name. Typically the drug is sold as small squares of paper like a very small stamp which has been soaked in the acid. Less common is its original liquid form. Slang names include acid, blotters, trips, micro dots and tabs.

#### HOW IS IT USED?

The squares of paper are put on the tongue and swallowed or the liquid type is dripped on food and eaten.

## WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS AND RISKS?

The experience of taking LSD is called a 'trip' which can be good or bad. LSD is a psychedelic drug that makes you hallucinate. This means all your senses (touch, taste, sight, hearing and smell) are distorted, for example, you may see things that don't really exist or hear voices that are not real. It feels like you are experiencing a dream (or nightmare!) which feels completely real to the user but it is not. You can never predict what experience you will have and there is nothing you can do to get out of it. Flashbacks can happen at a later date after taking the LSD which is where the user re-lives a part of the trip.

#### WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY?

LSD is illegal and is a class A drug which means it's against the law to have any in your possession, to give away or to sell it. The penalty is a maximum of 7 years for possession and up to life in prison and an unlimited fine for supplying it whether money has been exchanged or not.

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