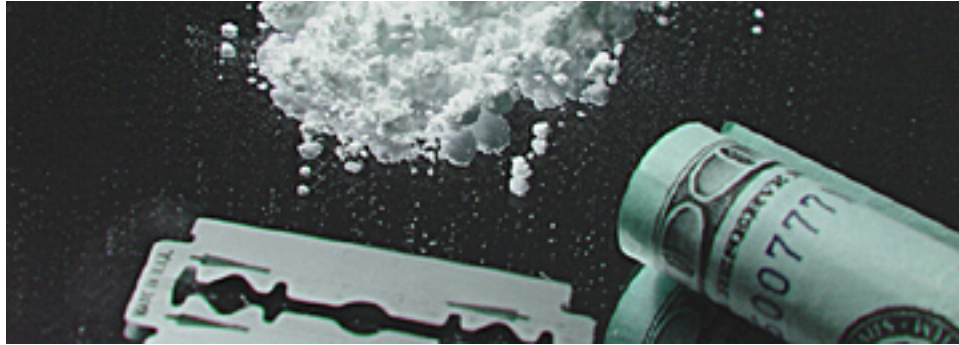


Cocaine



Brief Description:

A powerfully addictive drug that is snorted, sniffed, injected, or smoked. Crack is cocaine that has been processed from cocaine hydrochloride to a free base for smoking.

Street Names:

Coke, snow, flake, blow, and many others.

Effects:

A powerfully addictive drug, cocaine usually makes the user feel euphoric and energetic. Common health effects include heart attacks, respiratory failure, strokes, and seizures. Large amounts can cause bizarre and violent behavior. In rare cases, sudden death can occur on the first use of cocaine or unexpectedly thereafter.

Statistics and Trends:

Adults age 26 and older have the highest rate of current cocaine use, compared to other age groups. Source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health - SAMHSA web site.

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