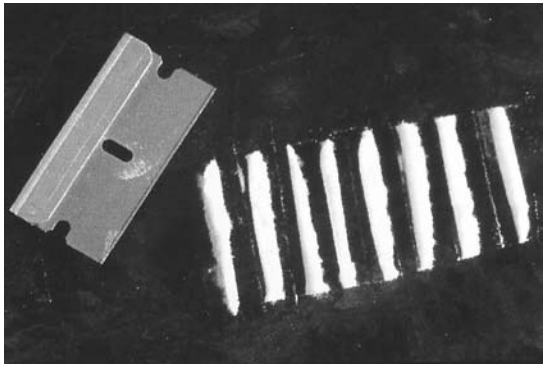
What is powdered cocaine?

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?

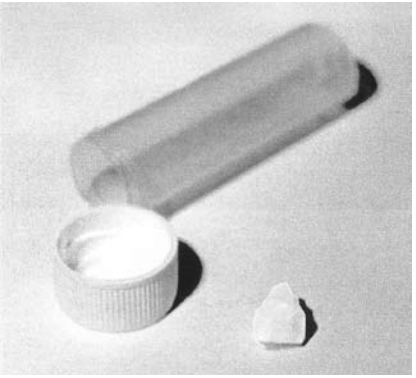
Crack cocaine is a highly addictive and powerful stimulant that is derived from powdered cocaine using a simple conversion process. Crack emerged as a drug of abuse in the mid-1980's. It is abused because it produces an immediate high and because it is easy and inexpensive to produce - rendering it readily 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
Aunt
Birdie Powder
Bolivian Marching Powder
Bouncing Powder
Candy Sugar
Devil's Dandruff
Fast White Lady
Flake
Flave
Foolish Powder
Friskie Powder
Happy Powder
Joy Powder
Marching Powder
Pariba
Powder Diamonds
Shake
Shrile
Soft
Star-Spangled Powder
Sugar Boogers
Uptown
White Boy
White Dragon
Yao

Street Terms for Crack Cocaine

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

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