

Amphetamines

AKA: Amphetamine: speed, whizz, billy, sulph. Base, Paste
Methamphetamine: Ice, glass, shard, meth, Tina, crank

Popularity 0.6% of 16-24 in last Yr (CSEW 19/20) 9.9% 1998

Method of Use:
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Sulphate: snorted, rubbed on gums, IV, swallowed ("bombed")
Ice/base: smoked, swallowed, IV

Duration:
speed 3-4hr ice: 12-24hr

Purity:
speed 5-10% base/paste: 30-40%
ice: some very pure but other drugs (e.g. A-PVP) sold as crystal

Effects: +ve: alert, energy, awake, confident, Less appetite, talkative
-ve Anxiety, paranoia, nausea, insomnia



Law: Sulph: Class B, Schedule 2 (Class A if injected)
Meth: Class A, Sch.2

Cost:
£5-10g –speed; £30/g - base
£80-100/g – crystal meth

Category: stimulant

Mechanism:
Elevates nor-adrenaline & dopamine by forcing release and blocking reuptake

Source:
Manufactured in UK & Europe

Indicators: dilated pupils, restless, talkative, anxious, grinding teeth

Risks: weight loss, insomnia, tooth damage, nasal damage, mental health problems, heart failure, convulsions