

Effects of Cocaine

Cocaine is a powerfully addictive stimulant drug made from the leaves of the coca plant native to South America. As a street drug, cocaine looks like a fine white crystal powder.

Cocaine is commonly ingested through snorting the powder or rubbing it into gums. Less common methods involve dissolving the powder and injecting it or smoking it through a pipe.

Brain

Damage to blood vessels in brain
Severe depression
Auditory and visual hallucinations
Delirium or psychosis
Anxiety and paranoia

Body

Loss of appetite
Nausea
Increased heart rate
Increased blood pressure
Increased rate of breathing
Tooth decay
Weight loss
Destruction to nasal tissue if snorted
Liver, kidney and lung damage

Behaviour

Bizarre and erratic behaviour
Sometimes violent
Risky behaviour
Irritable
Hyperexcitability
Mood swings

