

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

