



Drug Fact Sheet

PCP

Overview

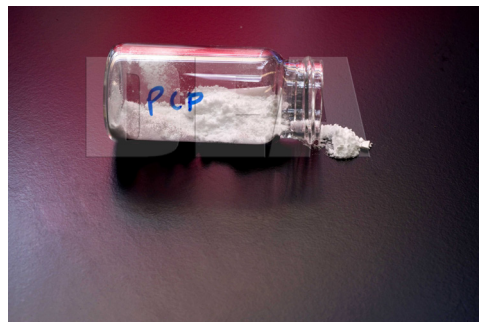
PCP is an illegal drug abused for its hallucinogenic effects.

Street names

Angel Dust, Embalming Fluid, Killer Weed, Rocket Fuel, Supergrass

Looks like

In its pure form, PCP is a white crystalline powder that readily dissolves in water. However, most PCP on the street is tan/brown in color, powdery or gummy in consistency, and is typically transported in small foil wraps. PCP is most commonly sold as a powder or liquid, and applied to a leafy material such as oregano, parsley, mint, or marijuana and then smoked.



Methods of abuse

Smoked, injected, snorted, taken orally

Affect on mind

PCP use often causes a user to feel detached, distant and estranged from his surroundings. Auditory hallucinations and severe mood disorders can occur. In some users, acute anxiety, paranoia and hostility, as well as psychosis can occur.

Affect on body

Numbness, slurred speech, and loss of coordination can be accompanied by a sense of strength and invulnerability. A blank stare, rapid and involuntary eye movements, and an exaggerated gait are among the more observable effects.

Drugs causing similar effects

PCP's effects are similar to other hallucinogens, such as mescaline and peyote.

Overdose effects

Longer, more intense "trip" episodes, psychosis and possible death.

Legal status in the United States

Originally designed as a human anesthetic and later produced only as a veterinary anesthetic, PCP is no longer produced or used for legitimate purposes.

Common places of origin

PCP is generally produced in clandestine laboratories in the United States.