



Cocaine

Cocaine is a strong central nervous system stimulant. It is the most potent stimulant of natural origin and can be snorted, smoked or injected.

Statistics

- Approximately 34.2 million people ages 12 and older have reported trying cocaine at least once in their lives.

Effects

- Physical effects may include constricted blood vessels, increased temperature, heart rate, blood pressure, respiratory problems and increased risk of transmitting diseases (through shared needles).
- Psychological effects may include feelings of restlessness, irritability and anxiety.
- When cocaine is mixed with alcohol its effects are intensified as are its health risks. Cocaine-related deaths are often a result of cardiac arrest or seizures followed by respiratory arrest.

Tips

- Cocaine is a highly addictive and dangerous drug. If you are using cocaine or suspect that someone you love is, contact a health care professional immediately for help and to learn about treatment options.

ADAMH is your community safety net. If you or someone you love needs help call 276-CARE, the front door to the ADAMH system of care.