

PCP/Phencyclidine



Brief Description:

Illegally manufactured in labs and sold as tablets, capsules, or colored powder. It can be snorted, smoked, or eaten. Developed in the 1950s as an IV anesthetic, PCP was never approved for human use because of problems during clinical studies, including intensely negative psychological effects.

Street Names:

Angel dust, ozone, wack, rocket fuel, and many others.

Effects:

Many PCP users are brought to emergency rooms because of overdose or because of the drug's unpleasant psychological effects. In a hospital or detention setting, people high on PCP often become violent or suicidal.

Statistics and Trends:

In NIDA's 2005 Monitoring the Future study, 2.4% of high school seniors reported having used PCP at least once. Source: NIDA Infofacts: High School and Youth Trends.

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