

COCAINE

Cocaine is an illegal, powerfully addictive, stimulant drug that is extracted from the leaves of the coca plant native to South America.

FACTS

Cocaine is typically...

- Snorted, injected, or smoked
- Pure cocaine (cocaine hydrochloride) resembles white crystalline powder.
- The crack or freebase cocaine form is typically smoked—commonly referred to as “rocks”
- Cocaine is often laced with fentanyl, a substance that commonly leads to overdoses and death

COMMON NAMES:

- Coke
- Crack
- Blow
- Rocks
- Snow
- Bolo

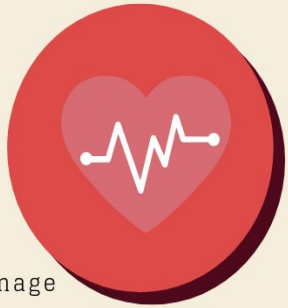


IN HAWAII

In 2017, 4.8% of Hawaii high school students have used a form of cocaine at least once in their lifetime.

HEALTH RISKS

- Increased blood pressure
- Increased heart rate
- Paranoia & anxiety
- Severe mood swings
- Decreased appetite
- Mental illness
- Heart attack, stroke
- Respiratory failure
- Liver, kidney and lung damage
- Overdose
- Death



LEGAL PENALTIES

- Cocaine is considered a Schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970.
- Schedule II drugs are considered by the DEA to have a high abuse potential with possible physical and psychic dependence.
- Crack cocaine and powder cocaine offenses are prosecuted differently; individuals found guilty of crack cocaine possession or use are sentenced more harshly than those guilty of similar crimes involving powder cocaine.



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