

What is METH???



Hey! Listen up!

I'm going to tell you all
about *meth* – not math
METHAMPHETAMINE

Meth-am-phet-a-mine or
meth has many names. A few
are: crank, ice, crystal, speed.

Meth is a drug, but it is not
like the drugs your parents
buy at the store.

Meth can look like salt or
powdered sugar or an oil.

Meth tastes bitter like a
lemon.

Meth smells like cat pee or
nail polish remover.

Meth is made by mixing
chemicals like drain cleaner,
gasoline, striker for matches,
iodine, rubbing alcohol.

Sometimes it can - - -

explode!!!



Where people cook meth the
waste and smoke make
clothes and toys and food so
nasty and unsafe you have to
throw them away.

People who use meth breathe
it, smoke it, inject it or
swallow it.



Using Meth makes you see
and feel creepy things that
are not there.

Meth keeps you awake a long
time, then you have to sleep.

Meth kills the brain cells that
make you feel happy.

Meth makes you not care
about yourself or those that
love you.



Meth makes you feel
very, very
sad.

Don't let drugs rain on your day!

Call the Crisis Line anytime
day or night
1-800-462-5525
to talk to a person or

In an emergency call
911

General Information for Parents:

Methamphetamine (Meth) is an illegal stimulant that is a mixture of amphetamine, commonly called uppers, combined with any number of other chemicals to create a new drug.

Meth is fairly easy to produce from common materials and can be made (cooked) in houses, hotel rooms or even motor vehicles. An environmental evaluation of a meth site usually costs a property owner from \$1500 to \$2000; final cleanup will be thousands more.

Meth is one of the most addictive drugs available. Within 5-10 seconds after injecting or smoking, the user experiences an intense "rush" or "flash". If meth is ingested (swallowed), the effects show up in about 15-20 minutes.

Treatment for addiction usually takes a long time, often one to two years. It can be both physically and emotionally damaging because it destroys the dopamine cells in the brain.

Equipment to make meth includes fire proof glass cookware, clear plastic tubing, funnels, aluminum foil and propane tanks.

Ingredients used to make meth can include cold and allergy medicine, rubbing alcohol, matches, salt, gasoline additive, drain cleaner, brake cleaner, anhydrous ammonia, iodine, lithium batteries, kerosene, gasoline, muriatic acid, paint thinner, campfire fuel and lye.

Trash from cooking can include opened camera batteries, stained coffee filters, empty medicine blister packs and match packs without the striker.

Anyone can exhibit symptoms of meth addiction from living, entering or moving into a place where it was made, especially children and pets.

Signs of Meth Use:

- ✓ Stimulated movement, speech and energy, hyperactivity, not eating
- ✓ Long periods awake followed by unusually long periods of sleep
- ✓ Deteriorating school grades, problems with short term memory
- ✓ Depression, paranoia, "tweaking" (acute psychiatric symptom), panic, anger
- ✓ Injection marks, runny nose, redness or flushing from high blood pressure
- ✓ Change in driving ability, reckless driving caused by hallucinations
- ✓ In advanced addiction, circular burn-like spots appear on fingers or skin from chemicals seeping out of the body leaving open wounds

For more information log on to:

www.co.morrison.mn.us/wsite/index.htm

Cracking Down On Meth

The numbers below do not have caller ID
Morrison County Voice Mail tip line
1-888-DRUG TIP or 632-0377
(1-888-378-4847)

Morrison County Sheriff
1-800-422-8356 or 632-9233

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