

Amphetamines



What are the street names/slang terms for it?

Speed, uppers, ups, hearts, black beauties, pep pills, copilots, bumble bees, footballs, dexedrine, biphphetamine, benzedrine

What type of drug is it?

An amphetamine is a drug that is a stimulant to the central nervous system.

What does it look like?

Amphetamines are taken in tablet and pill form.

How is it used?

Amphetamines are colorless and may be inhaled, injected, or swallowed.

What are its short-term effects?

- increased talkativeness, aggressiveness
- increased breathing rate, heart rate, blood pressure
- reduced appetite
- dilated pupils
- visual hallucinations, auditory hallucinations
- compulsive, repetitive action
- fever, sweating
- dry mouth
- headache
- paleness
- blurred vision, dizziness, loss of coordination
- irregular heartbeat
- tremors, collapse

What are its long-term effects?

- addiction, dependency on drug
- violence, aggression
- malnutrition due to suppression of appetite

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