

# **PMA**

## **What are the street names/slang terms for PMA?**

Death, Mitsubishi Double Stack, often sold as Ecstasy.

## **What is PMA?**

A synthetic hallucinogen. Chemically it is paramethoxyamphetamine.

## **What does it look like?**

Sold in tablet, capsule and (rarely) powder form. PMA looks similar to Ecstasy and costs about the same.

## **How is it used?**

PMA is typically taken orally in pill or capsule form. PMA powder, although uncommon, may be inhaled or injected.

## **What are its short-term effects?**

Doses of less than 50 milligrams (usually one pill) causes symptoms like Ecstasy; increased breathing, body temperature, pulse rate and blood pressure, erratic eye movements, muscle spasms, nausea and heightened visual stimulation. Dosages over 60-80 mg (lower than those used regularly for Ecstasy) are considered potentially lethal. They can cause cardiac arrhythmia and arrest, breathing problems, pulmonary congestion, kidney failure, hypothermia, vomiting, convulsions, coma and death.

## **What are its long-term effects?**

Unknown.

## **What is its federal classification?**

Schedule I

## **Source**

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