

## The facts about Heroin

What does heroin do to people?

People take heroin to escape from their problems. They say that it feels like being wrapped in a warm blanket.

People who use heroin a lot feel that they cannot get through the day without taking it. They become very ill if they do not take heroin. Because of this, some people spend £300 a week on heroin.

People who take this drug a lot will look very thin and ill.

Injecting this drug can cause blood poisoning, HIV/AIDS and hepatitis.

What does heroin look like?

It is a brown, white or grey powder.

How do people take heroin?

It can be smoked on tin foil or injected with a needle and syringe. If a person injects heroin they are more likely to 'overdose' (take too much).

Other names for heroin

This drug is also called H, skag and smack.

How much does heroin cost?

It costs £40-£80 for a gram.

Is it legal?

No. It is against the law to have heroin on you (for example, in your pockets) or in your house. It is also illegal to sell or give heroin to anyone, even friends.

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