

The facts about Cocaine and Crack

What do cocaine and crack do to people?

These drugs give people more energy and confidence. These effects only last for a few minutes. To keep the effects, people have to take more cocaine or crack. A person who takes a lot of cocaine or crack could spend £400 a week.

Cocaine and crack can make a person:

- worried for no reason;
- think other people want to hurt them or don't like them;
- think everyone is against them;
- unable to get through the day without these drugs.

Cocaine and crack can also cause:

- serious heart problems;
- damage to the nose (if a person sniffs cocaine);
- lung problems (if a person smokes crack);
- people to look thin and ill;
- blood poisoning, HIV/AIDS and hepatitis if people inject them.

What do cocaine and crack look like?

Cocaine is a white powder. Crack is a small white stone about the size of a raisin.

How do people take cocaine and crack?

Cocaine is sniffed up the nose. Crack is smoked. Both drugs can be injected with a needle and syringe. If a person injects cocaine or crack, they are more likely to 'overdose' (take too much).

Other names for cocaine and crack

Cocaine is also called charlie, coke and snow. Crack is another type of cocaine. It is also called stone, wash and rock.

How much do cocaine and crack cost?

Cocaine costs about £40-£80 for a gram. Crack costs about £20 for a rock but sometimes this can be cut into smaller parts.

Are they legal?

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

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