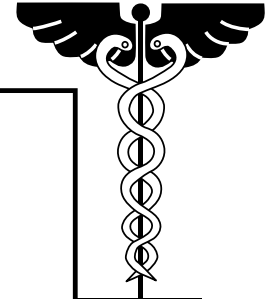




DESIGNER DRUGS



Facts About Drugs

WHAT THEY ARE

Names: fentanyl citrate (Sublimaze, Sufentanil), alpha-methylfentanyl (AMF, China White), parafluorofentanyl (PFF), meperidine (MPPP, synthetic or new heroin)

Type: analgesic, opioid

Forms: designed to resemble heroin as white powder or water solution

Combinations: with MPTP as undesirable byproduct

Usage: injected into bloodstream or muscle; snorted into nasal passage.

Legal Status: legal as synthetic substances, except AMF

Other Forms: fentanyl is the most powerful narcotic analgesic in medical use for surgical situations

WHAT THEY FEEL LIKE

similar to heroin; euphoric rush, anxiety, depression

WHAT THEY DO

To Your Brain: depress breathing brain center and central nervous system functions

To Your Body: depress body systems including heart functions and GI tract

Special Characteristics: Rigid muscles and depressed breathing may last long after other effects end. AMF may relieve drug withdrawal symptoms longer than heroin does, but toxic effects are more potent and threatening. MPTP is a dangerous, accidental byproduct of sloppy MPPP manufacturing.

HOW THEY CAN HURT YOU

- muscle rigidity
- depressed breathing
- extreme toxic effects
- alteration of speech
- loss of body control
- tremor and other symptoms of Parkinson's disease
- depression, anxiety
- dependence on drug
- unborn children of using mothers may be affected by mental retardation, deformities and delayed development
- severe constipation
- nausea, vomiting
- death

WHEN TO GET HELP

- Are you using synthetic drugs?
- Do you think about how and when you're going to use drugs again?
- Is your work or school performance affected?
- Are you having problems with family and friends?
- Do you spend more on drugs than you can afford?
- Do you use a variety of drugs?

FACT:
Over 200 known high-risk synthetic drugs with potentially fatal toxic effects exist on the street.