



Did You Know?

Amphetamine and Methamphetamine Facts

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OKLAHOMA METHAMPHETAMINE FACTS

- 2008 Federal Drug Seizures - 21.0 kgs
- 2014 Oklahoma Meth Lab Incidents: 209, down from 997 in 2011
- Methamphetamine remains the main drug of concern.
- "Mom and pop" labs in Oklahoma have declined by 90%, across the state, due to Pseudoephedrine Laws passed in 2004.
- The majority of the Methamphetamine found in Oklahoma is from Mexico.
- Oklahoma serves as a shipment point for drug trafficking

METH PREVENTION RESOURCES

www.methresources.gov

www.methamphetamine.org

www.uclaisap.org

www.methproject.org

www.crystaldarkness.com

Mothers Against Meth
www.mamasite.net

www.dea.gov

www.samhsa.gov

What Are They?

Amphetamines (primarily for treating ADHD) and Methamphetamine are stimulants. Stimulants are a class of drugs that elevate mood, increase feelings of well-being, and increase energy and alertness.

Effects of Amphetamines and Methamphetamines:

- Irreversible damage to blood vessels in the brain, producing strokes
- Respiratory problems
- Extreme anorexia
- Hyperthermia
- Convulsions
- Reduced levels of Dopamine, resulting in symptoms like those of Parkinson's disease
- Irritability
- Insomnia
- Confusion
- Tremors
- Anxiety/Paranoia
- Aggressiveness
- Cardiovascular collapse & death

It takes 2-10 days after a
"Meth Crash" to replenish
SOME of the bodies
depleted dopamine



METH CHANGES THE BRAIN

Dopamine is the chemical that allows us to feel pleasure. Meth unnaturally raises dopamine levels to more than 10 times the amount caused by life's normal pleasures.

In stimulating this dopamine release, Meth creates an intense rush of pleasure. This powerful rewarding effect is a major part of Meth addiction.

This excessive release of dopamine has a neurotoxin effect on both dopamine and serotonin levels.

Repeated abuse of these substances can permanently damage dopamine levels, leading to decreased ability to experience pleasure.

