# Just The: Facts:

Highly addictive and toxic to the brain, methamphetamine - or "meth" - is a

stimulant and creates a high that can damage the body and brain for life.

Heavy or prolonged use can make it increasingly impossible to experience natural pleasure at all.

### WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Regular meth is a pill or powder. Crystal meth resembles glass fragments or shiny blue-white

"rocks."

#### **HOW IS IT USED?**

Meth can be swallowed, snorted, injected, or even used in vape pens or e-cigarettes.

Chronic meth users can exhibit severe physical and mental signs of abuse.

#### WHAT ARE THE PHYSICAL SIGNS?

Physical signs of meth abuse include:

- Rapid eye movement and dilated pupils
- Low body weight: Users lose weight rapidly and often appear sick.
- Severe tooth decay and tooth-grinding.
- Skin sores: Users often pick at imaginary bugs under their skin, causing open sores, infections and scarring.
- Constricted blood vessels: Faces often appear pale, splotchy and sweaty.
- Body odor: Chemicals are emitted from the skin of meth users, often producing strong and unpleasant odors.

## WHAT ARE THE MENTAL SIGNS?

Chronic meth abusers can exhibit violent behavior, anxiety, confusion, insomnia, and paranoia.





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