



# PCP (Angel dust)

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# PCP-What is it?

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- PCP, or its scientific name phencyclidine, is a hallucinogenic drug brought to the markets in the 1950's as an anesthetic.
- One can ingest PCP orally, by smoking or injection
- PCP can be found in several forms, such as powder or liquid that is typically sprayed onto cannabis, mint, tobacco leaves and more, and then smoked.
- Different ways PCP are found:



# PCP on the streets

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- PCP can sell \$5-\$15 a tablet, \$20-\$30 a powdered gram, and \$200-\$300 per liquid ounce.
- PCP is known as animal trunk, amp, peace pills, embalming fluid and its most common name of angel dust.
- If convicted of having anywhere from 100-999 grams on them, a person can be sentenced to 5-40 years in prison and can be fined up to \$2,000,000
- If 2nd time conviction, it can grow up to lifetime in prison and \$4,000,000 fine



# Short term effects of PCP

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A small dose (1-5 mg) of PCP can cause

- Numbness and relaxation
- A sense of well-being and euphoria
- Problems concentrating
- Slurred speech
- Overconfidence
- Odd, erratic, or unexpected behaviors

A larger dose (5 < mg) of PCP can cause

- hallucinations
- Higher blood pressure and heart rate.
- Breathing problems
- Raised body temperature.
- Anxiety, panic, and feeling extreme worry

# Long term effects from usage

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One can get/feel

- Impaired memory
- Speech problems and slow motor skills
- Severe depression and possible suicidal thoughts
- Extreme weight loss
- Hallucinations and delusions even when the substance is not being used



# Side effects from PCP

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- A person can lack any rational judgement
- He or she feels no pain
- The person thinks of their self as invulnerable
- Aggression
- The person is willing to harm their self or others



# Just how dangerous is “angel dust”?

Other than the long term and short term effects, one can

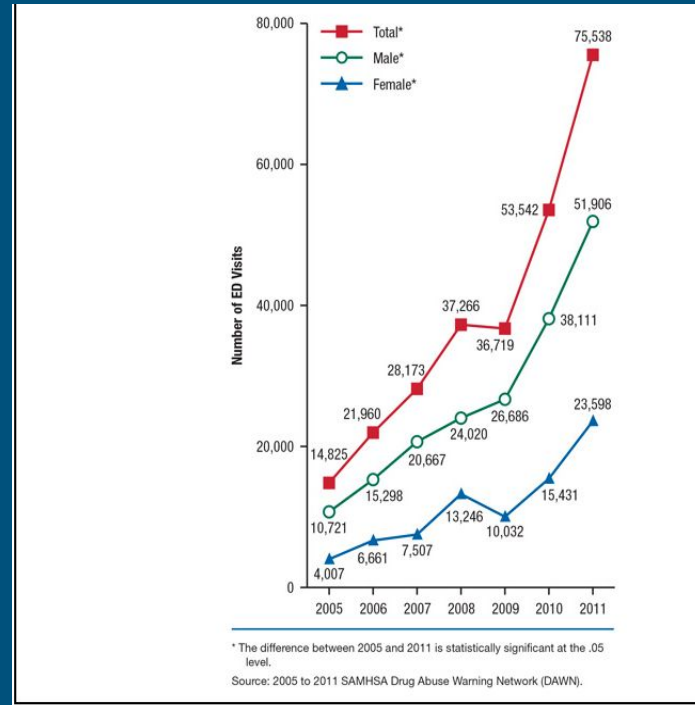
- Have extremely low blood pressure
- Vomit or have nausea
- Slip into a coma or even death

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Withdrawal can be very dangerous, such as increased body temperature, twitching, anxiety, or agitation to others.

# PCP- Statistics

- 6.1 million people 12 years or older have tried pcp in the u.s
- Most people start using the drug at age 16
- 0.6% of people ages 12-17 have tried it at some point in their life





# PCP- Statistics Continued

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- 0.07% of men in the U.S. tried PCP last year
- 0.05% of women in the U.S. tried PCP last year
- Males accounted for 69% of PCP-related ER visits, with the largest age group being 24-35
- PCP-related emergency room visits increased 400% between 2005 and 2011, with increases seen in both genders

# How to get help for Addiction

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- If struggling with addiction, one can go through a long detoxication in order to help stop the craving
- Therapy can be used to help with the mental effects of PCP
- Outpatient programs which can help with the understanding of the users' psychological and physical dependence

# More ways to get help for Addiction

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- Inpatient is another way of help
- Sober houses can heal together as a group
- If you know someone that is struggling with the abuse of PCP, there are several detox and rehab centers around in Michigan, including Detroit, Grand Rapids, and Ann Arbor.

# Michael the “mirror man”

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Supposedly back in the 1980's, a man high on PCP smashed a mirror and then continued to CUT HIS FACE OFF and feed it to his dogs in his basement. The man also gouged one of his eyes out, and needed a severe face transplant. This was an apparent inspiration for the story “Hannibal”, when Hannibal Lecter drugged a man and he cut his face off during the high. To this day, it has been cleared as an official record, but others disagree it never happened.



# Conclusion of PCP and its dangers.

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- Overall, PCP is a very dangerous hallucinogenic drug that causes delusions, anxiety, heavy breathing, and plenty more horrendous effects. PCP is not very abused or used in Michigan, marijuana is the most used around Detroit.
- If you know a loved one that is dealing with a drug issue, make sure they retrieve help as early as they can.



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