

## Definition

Methamphetamine is a central nervous system stimulant of the amphetamine family.

Meth can be injected, smoked, snorted, or taken orally.

Street names include speed, meth, crank, crystal meth, ice and glass - among other names.

**Methamphetamine is a Schedule I Drug under the New Mexico Control Substance Act 30-31-6(c)**

## **Criminal Penalties**

### **Trafficking**

#### **First Offense;**

Guilty of Second Degree Felony; 0 to 9 years

#### **Second Offense;**

Guilty of First Degree Felony; Up to 18 years

### **Possession**

Guilty of Fourth Degree Felony; 0 to 18 months

### **Distribution**

**First Offense;** Guilty of Second Degree Felony  
0 to 9 years

**Second Offense;** Guilty of First Degree Felony  
Up to 18 years

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# Meth



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## Psychological Effects

- Agitation or aggression
- Decreased motivation and an inability to maintain usual activities
- Symptoms of depression and anxiety
- Psychotic symptoms such as Paranoia and hallucinations
- Decreased concentration and memory

## Physical Effects

- Extreme weight loss
- Severe dental problems
- Confusion
- Insomnia
- Increased Heart Rate
- Increased Blood Pressure

## Meth Mouth

- Drug-induced psychological
- Xerostomia (dry mouth)
- Poor oral hygiene
- Frequent consumption of high calorie carbonated beverages
- Tooth grinding and clenching

## Behavioral Impact

Crime, panic, paranoia, auditory (hearing voices) and visual hallucinations, as well as formication (delusions of insects

on the skin). Methamphetamine-induced paranoia can result in homicidal or suicidal thoughts.

## Destruction of Family Structure

Loss of Job, Social Isolation, Exposure of family to drugs, weapons, and unsanitary conditions. Danger of children being exposed to toxic fumes or other harmful chemicals. Child neglect and abuse as well as domestic disputes and violence.

## Drug/Crime Relationship

### *Violent behavior*

- Assault
- Robbery/Burglary
- Murder

### *Drugs*

- Distribution
- Trafficking

### *Child Abuse/Neglect*

### *Stealing to get money to buy drugs*

- Identity Theft
- Fraudulent Checks
- Internet Fraud
- Credit Card Fraud

## Treatments

Presently, there are two approaches that have evidence to support their efficacy for the treatment of meth dependence.

### *Psychosocial Treatment*

Based on social and vocational training--are helpful in providing support, education and guidance.

### *Behavioral Treatments*

Based on principals of conditioning. It teaches clients skills to access reinforces and lessen life punishment. No medications are approved to treat meth addiction

## Combating Meth

### State of-the-Art Training

- Law Enforcement
- Prosecutors

### Statewide Anti-Meth Programs

- Education Programs associated with the Community on Awareness & Prevention
- Speaking Engagements
- Distribution of Literature

### Human Services

- Treatment
- Providing Services for Outreach