

SIGNS OF METH USE

MORE THAN 12,000 METH LABS WERE SEIZED IN THE U.S. IN 2012, AND THOUSANDS MORE HAVE BEEN SEIZED ALREADY IN 2013. LEARN HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF METH ABUSE.



What Meth Does to the Body

Early signs

- High energy level
- Burns or signs of burning on fingers and mouth
- Scratching at skin until sores develop
- Sudden mood swings
- Paranoia or paranoid comments
- Faster breathing
- Violent actions

Long-term signs

- Hallucinations
- General restlessness
- Lock of sleep
- Severe weight loss due to lack of nutrition
- Extreme paranoia
- Premature aging of the skin and body
- Rotting teeth
- Fever
- Damage to the internal organs

Addiction

- Physical cravings
- Reduced time between cravings
- Withdrawal when drug isn't being used
- Severe worsening paranoia
- Chemical tolerance, needing to take more of the drug to get the same effect
- Bouts of depression
- Anxiety
- Fixation on taking the drug
- Days or weeks without sleep

Withdrawal

- Initial insomnia followed by long periods of sleeping
- Depressed mood
- Inability to feel pleasure
- Cravings for the drug
- General confusion or forgetfulness