

COCAINE

Know the risks

In 2024, cocaine was linked to 479 drug deaths in Scotland, but these could have been prevented if the following harm reduction measures were observed:

DOSAGE - GO SLOW, STAY LOW

Especially if it's your first time.

AVOID MIXING WITH OTHER DRUGS

Combining with alcohol or other drugs increases risks.

DON'T SHARE SNORTING EQUIPMENT

Used or dirty noses/straws can transmit blood-borne viruses.

LONG TERM USE

Risks include dependency and other health complications.

ASK FOR HELP IF NEEDED

Be aware of signs of an emergency and know where to get help.



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What is cocaine?

Powdered cocaine (coke) is a very powerful stimulant with short term effects. It has an intense high that can often cause depression, lead to dependency or financial problems.



THE EFFECTS

- Dilated pupils
- Increased self esteem
- Exhilaration
- Increased confidence and energy
- Increased temperature
- Indifference to pain and fatigue
- Loss of appetite
- Mental alertness
- Paranoia
- Hallucinations

HARM REDUCTION

- Use as little as possible
- Take breaks in between each line
- Seek help for mental wellbeing issues or signs of dependency
- Drink plenty of water
- Eat before using
- Nasal washing
- Never share snorting equipment

THE RISKS

- Overdose
- Polydrug use
- Heart disease
- Stroke and seizures
- High blood pressure
- Respiratory illness
- Gastrointestinal disease
- Mood disorders
- Shrinking brain size
- Memory loss
- Slow reaction
- Short attention span
- Nosebleeds/nasal collapse
- Altered sleep patterns
- HIV
- Hepatitis B & C
- Increased risk of sexually transmitted diseases

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