

# ECSTASY



## What are the street names/slang terms for it?

Adam, Bean, E, Ecstasy, M, Roll, X, XTC

## What is it?

MDMA or Ecstasy (3-4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine), is a synthetic drug with amphetamine-like and hallucinogenic properties.

## What does it look like?

Ecstasy come in a tablet form that is often branded, e.g. Playboy bunnies, Nike swoosh, CK

## How is it used?

Taken in pill form, users sometimes take Ecstasy at "raves," to keep on dancing and for mood enhancement. Older teens and college students often frequent raves.

## What are its short-term effects?

Short-term effects include psychological difficulties, including confusion, depression, sleep problems, drug craving, severe anxiety, and paranoia – during and sometimes weeks after taking MDMA, physical symptoms such as muscle tension, involuntary teeth clenching, nausea, blurred vision, rapid eye movement, faintness, and chills or sweating.

## What are its long-term effects?

Recent research findings link MDMA to long-term damage to those parts of the brain critical to thought and memory. Chronic use of MDMA was found, first in laboratory animals and more recently in humans, to produce long-lasting, perhaps permanent, damage to the neurons that release serotonin, and consequent memory impairment.

## What is its federal classification?

MDMA is a Schedule I drug

Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA); Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)