

LSD

■ LSD is one of the major drugs making up the hallucinogen class. LSD is one of the most potent mood-changing chemicals known.

■ LSD, commonly referred to as "acid", is sold on the streets in tablets, capsules, and occasionally, liquid form. It is odorless, colorless, and tasteless and is usually taken by mouth. Often LSD is added to absorbent paper, such as blotter paper, and divided into small-decorated squares, with each square representing one dose.

■ The effects of LSD are unpredictable. They depend on the amount taken, the user's personality, mood, expectations, and the surroundings in which the drug is used. Usually the user feels the first effects of the drug within 30 to 90 minutes after taking it. The physical effects include dilated pupils, higher body temperature, increased heart rate and blood pressure, sweating, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, dry mouth and tremors.

■ The users moods may swing rapidly. If taken in a large enough dose, the drug produces delusions and visual hallucinations.
