



Cocaine, Charlie, Coke.

What is it?

This drug comes in powder form and is snorted up the nose with a straw or a rolled up piece of paper. Occasionally, it is smoked with tobacco (especially in a form known as crack cocaine) or rubbed on the gums. It is often diluted with some other substance such as baking powder. It may also be injected.

The highs

Users have said they experience feelings of confidence, well being and energy when under the influence of the drug. It also reduces the desire for sleep or food.

The lows

The drug can be mentally and physically addictive. Constant and frequent use can result in exhaustion, nervousness, weight loss and damage to the nasal passage. With crack cocaine, the craving for more is very strong and, in rare cases, excessive doses can cause death from heart or respiratory failure.