

ACID

DID YOU KNOW...

- Acid is another name for LSD. Other names include, “doses,” “hits,” “microdot,” “sugar cubes,” “tabs,” “trips” and “blotter.” Acid is a hallucinogen and is one of the most powerful mood changing drugs. It is made from lysergic acid, taken from a fungus that grows on rye and other grains.
- Acid is usually found on blotter paper (paper that is perforated into small squares). The squares or “tabs” may be colored or have images printed on them. Acid is also available as liquid or tablets or capsules. It is odorless, colorless and has a slightly bitter taste and is usually taken by mouth but it can be put in the eyes.



LSD pills



LSD on “blotter paper”

- The effects of acid are unpredictable. They depend on the amount taken, the user's mood, personality and expectations, as well as the surroundings where the drug is used. The physical effects include bigger pupils, increased body temperature, heart rate and blood pressure, sweating, loss of appetite, sleeplessness, dry mouth and tremors.
- Users may feel several different emotions at once, or swing rapidly from one emotion to another. If taken in a large enough dose, the drug produces delusions and visual hallucinations. The user's sense of time and self changes. Sensations may seem to "cross over" giving the user the feeling of hearing colors and seeing sounds. These changes can be frightening and can cause panic. These experiences are referred to as a "trip" and they can last for 10 or more hours. Some acid users experience severe, terrifying thoughts and feelings of fear, loss of control, despair, and fear of insanity and death.
- Users may experience flashbacks (recurrence of certain aspects of a person's "trip"). Flashbacks occur suddenly, often without warning and can happen years after use.