

## Appendix 5

### Information on amphetamines and other synthetic drugs

Amphetamines <sup>1</sup>						
<i>Common name</i>	<i>Medical or chemical name</i>	<i>Other street names</i>	<i>Drug action</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Method of administration</i>	<i>Comments</i>
SPEED	amphetamine sulphate, dexamphetamine	whizz, dexies	stimulant	tablet, capsule, liquid	orally, injected	Family of amphetamine drugs that have been synthesised from approximately the late 19th century. The term 'amphetamines' may also include MDMA. More commonly it refers to the specific drug amphetamine sulphate. More recently it may also refer to methamphetamines and prescription drugs such as ephedrine and pseudoephedrine.

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1 The information contained in these tables has been compiled from the Victorian Parliament report on amphetamines and party drugs and the Australian Crime Commission *Illicit Drug Data Report 2004-05*.

## Methamphetamines

<i>Common name</i>	<i>Medical or chemical name</i>	<i>Other street names</i>	<i>Drug action</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Method of administration</i>	<i>Comments</i>
METH	methamphetamine, methylamphetamine	speed, base	stimulant	powder, paste	intranasally, orally, injected, smoked	
CRYSTAL METH	methamphetamine hydrochloride	crystal, ice, shabu, crank, glass, meth, D-meth, batu, shabu	stimulant	crystalline powder, crystals (ice)	intranasally, orally, injected, smoked	Ice is a strong, high-purity form of methamphetamine.

## Phenethylamines

<i>Common name</i>	<i>Medical or chemical name</i>	<i>Other street names</i>	<i>Drug action</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Method of administration</i>	<i>Comments</i>
ECSTASY	3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine, MDMA	eccies, XTC, pills, eggs, Adam, M and M, go, scooby, snacks, hug, beans and many others	stimulant with hallucinogenic properties; sometimes known as a psychedelic amphetamine	tablet, pill, gel tab, powder	intranasally, orally, injected, smoked	While 'ecstasy' is traditionally MDMA, analysis in recent years shows that MDMA is often adulterated or substituted with other substances, including PMA, methamphetamine, caffeine and paracetamol.
MDEA	3,4-methylenedioxyethylamphetamine	Eve	stimulant	tablet	orally	
MBDB	n-methyl-1-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-butanamine	eden	stimulant	tablet	orally	
PMA	paramethoxyamphetamine	death, Dr Death,	stimulant,	tablet,	intranasally,	Similar effects to MDMA.

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2CB	4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxyphenethylamine	nexus, 2CB, bromo, TWOs	stimulant	tablet, powder, blotting paper	intranasally, orally	
DOB	4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxyamphetamine	DOB, 4bromo-DMA, bromo	stimulant	tablet, blotting paper	orally	
DOM	2,5-dimethoxy-4-methylamphetamine	DOM, STP	stimulant	tablet, blotting paper	orally	
4-MTA	4-methylthioamphetamine	flatliner, golden eagle	stimulant	tablet	orally	

#### Other common synthetic drugs

<i>Common name</i>	<i>Medical or chemical name</i>	<i>Other street names</i>	<i>Drug action</i>	<i>Form</i>	<i>Method of administration</i>	<i>Comments</i>
KETAMINE	ketamine hydrochloride	K, special K	hallucinogenic, anaesthetic	tablet, pill, powder	intranasally, orally, injected	Used primarily for veterinary anaesthesia. Difficult to synthesise.
GHB	gammahydroxybutyrate or gammabutyrolactone (GBL), an analogue of GHB	liquid E, GBH, grievous bodily harm, blue nitro, fantasy, easy lay	depressant, anaesthetic with sedative properties	liquid, bright blue liquid form called 'blue nitro'	orally, injected	Notoriously able to be used to spike liquids and drinks in order to render victim vulnerable to sexual assault.

## Effects of amphetamines and MDMA

### Amphetamines<sup>2</sup>

<i>Common name</i>	<i>Medical or chemical name</i>	<i>Short term</i>	<i>Effects</i>	<i>Long term</i>	<i>Overdose</i>
<b>SPEED</b>	amphetamine sulphate, dexamphetamine, methamphetamine, crystal, meth, rock	hyperactivity; increased blood pressure, breathing and pulse rates; anxiety; irritability; suspiciousness; panic attacks; threatening manner; increased energy; alertness; confidence; talkativeness; reduced appetite; inability to sleep; enlarged pupils		malnutrition, reduced resistance to infection, violent behaviour, emotional disturbances, periods of psychosis, tolerance	strokes, heart failure, seizures, death

### MDMA

<i>Common name</i>	<i>Medical or chemical name</i>	<i>Short term</i>	<i>Effects</i>	<i>Long term</i>	<i>Overdose</i>
<b>ECSTASY</b>	3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine, MDMA	overheating and dehydration can cause muscle meltdown; excessive water consumption can cause a breakdown of cell structure, which can cause cells to swell, burst and die; feelings of wellbeing and exaggerated confidence; anxiety; jaw clenching; teeth grinding; poor concentration; insomnia; increased pulse rate and blood pressure; hot and cold flushes; sweating; nausea		depression, drowsiness, muscle aches, loss of appetite, insomnia, loss of concentration, irritability	Overdose usually results from the body overheating and becoming dehydrated, which can cause muscle meltdown and possible death from failure of major organs such as liver or kidneys. Excessive water consumption and retention may lead to the body's cells swelling, which can result in brain damage and death.

2 Information in these tables taken from DrugAware, 'Facts about Drugs', published and produced by the Prevention Directorate, Drug and Alcohol Office, Western Australia.