

## METHAMPHETAMINE PILLS

### What are Methamphetamine Pills?

Methamphetamine pills are a combination of the stimulants methamphetamine and caffeine. It is produced in Burma by groups such as the United Wa State Army and marketed predominantly in Thailand. Methamphetamine is an addictive stimulant drug that strongly activates certain systems in the brain.

### What are the street names/slang terms for Methamphetamine Pills?

Yaba.

### What do they look like?

A tablet, commonly reddish-orange or green, that fits inside the end of a drinking straw with a variety of logos -- "WY" being the most common.

### How are they used?

Normally they are ingested orally.

### What are their short-term effects?

Oral or intranasal use produces euphoria – a high, but not a rush. Other effects include irritability/aggression, anxiety, nervousness, convulsions, and insomnia.

### What are their long-term effects?

Meth is addictive, and users can develop a tolerance quickly, needing higher amount to get high, and going on longer binges. Some users avoid sleep for 3 to 15 days while bingeing. Psychological symptoms of prolonged meth use are characterized by paranoia, hallucinations, repetitive behavior patterns, and delusions of parasites or insects under the skin. Users often obsessively scratch their skin to get rid of these imagined insects. Long-term use, high dosages, or both can bring on full-blown toxic psychosis (often exhibited as violent, aggressive behavior). This violent, aggressive behavior is usually coupled with extreme paranoia. New research shows that those who use methamphetamine risk long-term damage to their brain cells similar to that caused by strokes or Alzheimer's disease.

### What is their federal classification?

Schedule II

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