

# **Drug Fact Sheet**

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# **METHCATHINONE**

# What is Methcathinone?

Methcathinone is a stimulant that is a structural analogue of methamphetamine and cathinone. The drug is made from a mixture of battery acid, Drano, and over-the-counter asthma medication and can be manufactured in home kitchens.

# What are the street names/slang terms for Methcathinone?

Bathtub speed, Cadillac express, Cat, Ephedrone, Gagers, Goob, Jeff, Mulka, Speed, The C, Wild cat, Wonder star.

#### What does it look like?

A white or off-white crystalline powder. Almost exclusively sold in the stable and highly water-soluble hydrochloride salt form.

#### How is it used?

It is most commonly snorted, although it can be taken orally by mixing it with a beverage or diluted in water and it can be injected intravenously.

# What are its short-term effects?

Short-term effects of methcathinone include: stimulation of heart rate and respiration, feeling of euphoria, loss of appetite, increased alertness, dilated pupils, and temperature may be slightly elevated. Acute intoxication at higher doses may also result in insomnia, tremors and muscle twitching, fever, headaches, convulsions, irregular heart rate and respirations, anxiety, restlessness, paranoia, hallucinations and delusions.

#### What are its long-term effects?

Little scientific research is available on the long-term effects of methcathinone.

### What is its federal classification?

Schedule I

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