



COCAINE

A white powder stimulant that is normally snorted or rubbed into the gums.



Physical Health risks

- ✓ Risky for anyone with high blood pressure, heart conditions and even healthy people
- ✓ Overdose risk increases with mixing drugs/alcohol.
- ✓ Damages nose cartilage
- ✓ Cause miscarriage, premature labour and low birth weight.
- ✓ Breathing problems and pains in the chest.
- ✓ Injecting cocaine may lead to disease infections

Effects on the brain

- ✓ Mood disorders: Increases risk of anxiety depression and paranoia
- ✓ Addiction: Dopamine release leads to addiction
- ✓ Impaired cognition: Impairs attention, memory, decision-making.
- ✓ Increased stroke risk: Can cause permanent brain damage.

