

Ketamine



Known as

K, ket, special K, super K



How it's used

As a powder, it is wrapped and swallowed (bombed) or snorted. As a liquid, it can be injected



How it can make you feel

Euphoric, calm, uncoordinated, confused, numb, nauseous



How long it lasts

The effects of ketamine usually last 1 – 2 hours



Important to know

Ketamine tolerance builds quickly, raising the risk of dependence as well as kidney and bladder problems, and without testing, there's no way to know what a drug contains or how strong it is.

What it can do

- Impair motor coordination
- Cause back pain or cramps (known as k-cramps)
- Lead to kidney-related problems and bladder damage
- Increase anxiety, panic attacks, insomnia, paranoia and hallucinations

How to reduce the risks

- Start with a low dose and take it slow
- Stay well hydrated before, during and after taking
- Avoid mixing with other drugs, particularly other 'downers'
- Keep track of how much you've used and take breaks
- Don't sit in a bath to relieve the pain of cramps
- If snorting, use your own snorting tube and don't share with others
- Chop the powder up finely to reduce damage to the nose and wash out your nose after using
- Use sterile equipment, which your local service can provide along with safer injecting advice
- Seek medical help if you start suffering with kidney or bladder pain
- Test your drugs. You can send a sample to WEDINOS who will post the results anonymously online



If you or anyone you are with are unwell, call 999 or seek medical help straight away



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