



If you have any questions about alcohol or other drugs, call:

**Illinois Department of Human Services**  
Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

**1-866-213-0548** (toll-free Voice)

**1-866-843-7344** (toll-free TTY)

If you have questions about Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) programs or services please call or visit your local Family Community Resource Center (FCRC). We will answer your questions. If you do not know where your FCRC is or if you are unable to go there, you may call the automated helpline 24 hours a day at:

**1-800-843-6154**

1-800-447-6404 (TTY)

You may speak to a representative between:  
**8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**  
**Monday - Friday** (except state holidays)

Visit our website at:  
**[www.dhs.state.il.us](http://www.dhs.state.il.us)**



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# AMPHETAMINES

Facts You Should Know About



**Amphetamines** are drugs that are stimulants to the central nervous system. These drugs may be used medically to treat depression, obesity, and other conditions. Amphetamines are often used illegally to avoid sleep, improve athletic performance, or counter the effects of depressant drugs.

### **Slang Terms:**

Uppers	Black Beauties
Speed	Jollies
Bennies	Dexies
Wake ups	Ups

### **Methods of Intake:**

Smoked	Swallowed
Snorted	Injected

### **THE HIGH:**

Amphetamines increase energy and produce a sense of pleasure and peace. The drug can fight fatigue and allow people to work around the clock. It induces exhilarating feelings of power, strength, energy, self-assertion, focus, and enhanced motivation. This high is long lasting compared to other drugs and can often linger for 8 to 24 hours. The high is usually followed by intense mental depression and fatigue.

### **THE LOW:**

Amphetamines can trigger a number of unpleasant, sometimes deadly effects. They are often associated with violence and anti-social behavior.

### **Side Effects:**

Rapid Speech	Exaggerated movements
Dilated pupils	Aggression
Convulsions	Insomnia
Hallucinations	Increased heart rate
Chest Pain	Irritability
Paranoia	Increased breathing rate
Dizziness	Reduced Appetite
Blurred vision	Dry mouth
Anxiety	Increased blood pressure
Paleness	Loss of Coordination
Headache	

### **Withdrawal Symptoms:**

Severe exhaustion	Psychotic reaction
Extreme hunger	Deep depressions
Anxiety Reactions	Deep sleep from 24 - 48 hrs

### **Sources:**

- <http://www.amphetamines.com> ;
- <http://www.lec.org/DrugSearch/Documents/Amphetamines.html> ;
- <http://onhealth.com/>

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITY LOCATOR**

If you would like to know what substance abuse treatment providers are in your community, contact one of the following helplines:

1-800-662-HELP  
1-800-662-9832 (Espanol)  
1-800-228-0427 (TTY)

OR, visit the following website:

<http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/TreatmentLocator>