## Cocaine Abuse

A report on teen cocaine abuse.

Cocaine is made from the Coca leaves. Cocaine is a very dangerous drug. It can be injected inhaled, smoked, and chewed. The Indians from the Alps chew it and it lasts for a day.

If you inhale cocaine it only lasts up to 2 hours with one dose,

The other more addictive product of cocaine is crack cocaine, each dose is about 5\$, but in the long run it is more expensive, for it is more addictive.

Some of the other names for cocaine are:

Coke, Snow, Nose candy, Flake, Blow, Big C, Lady, White, and Snowbirds.

Other names for Crack Cocaine are:

Crack, Rock, Freebase.

Cocaine is white crystalline power, where as Crack can be a white to tan pellet or a crystalline rock that look like soap.

Most of the people that use cocaine usually have had a good amount of success at school before taking the drug. The majority of people have no history of any major psychiatric problems, and many have never abused any other drug.

teens whose parents are or where drug dependent are at a higher risk of addiction.

## Cocaine treatment:

Research centers for drug abuse are experimenting with other drugs, even coca leaves (the source of cocaine) where suggested as treatment.

Lithium is a drug that has proven very effective against cocaine abuse, but sometimes the lithium ,doesn't work fully so it's not always a dependent treatment.

Ginseng is one of the mildly stimulating herbal remedies, that is also being tested.

Self help is available in books, some books have lists of places that you could get professional help.

Some questions that the parent could ask him/her self are:

Is your child withdrawn, Is he/she becoming hostel, Have relationships for relatives dissipated, Has he/she dropped old friends, Is your child not doing well in school, Has he/she lost interest in old hobbies, has their eating or sleeping habits changed???

These are very important if your want a drug free child.

Non-human researches are being done on monkeys. The cocaine makes the monkeys dependent, The animals will do anything for the drug. The more the monkey takes it the more dependent they become on it and they cant live without it.