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THE FACTS: HEROIN

Sometimes called: Smack, Brown, Gear, Amps, Scag

What it looks like:

Heroin comes as a white or brown powder.

The Effects:

- Feeling free from worries or problems
- Feeling relaxed
- Craving (more and more needs to be taken to get the same effect)
- Feeling drowsy
- Feeling sick or dizzy the first time it's taken
- Slows down the body and the brain

How it's used:

It's sniffed, smoked (chased) or injected. Can also come as a clear liquid in a glass ampoule (amps) which is injected or swallowed.

The Risks:

- Injecting heroin brings a risk of damaged veins, HIV and Hepatitis.
- Because it's usually cut with other substances, heroin is impure and this can lead to health problems.
- Craving heroin makes it a very expensive habit and this can lead to debt or turning to crime to pay for it.
- If heroin is taken with other drugs overdose is more likely.
- Overdosing on heroin can lead to death.

The Law:

Heroin is classified as a Class A drug. Having or using Heroin unless it is on prescription can lead to 7 years in prison and/or an unlimited fine.

Supplying Heroin (which includes passing it on to friends) is punishable by up to life imprisonment and/or an unlimited fine.

Getting a criminal record can make it more difficult to travel abroad or get certain jobs.

For information, support, advice or someone to talk to about drugs, call the numbers below



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