

What happens to People that use Meth



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5 to 30 minutes

The user's heartbeat races and metabolism, blood pressure and pulse soar. The user has feelings of extreme pleasure.

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4 to 24 hours

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The user often feels aggressively smarter and becomes argumentative.

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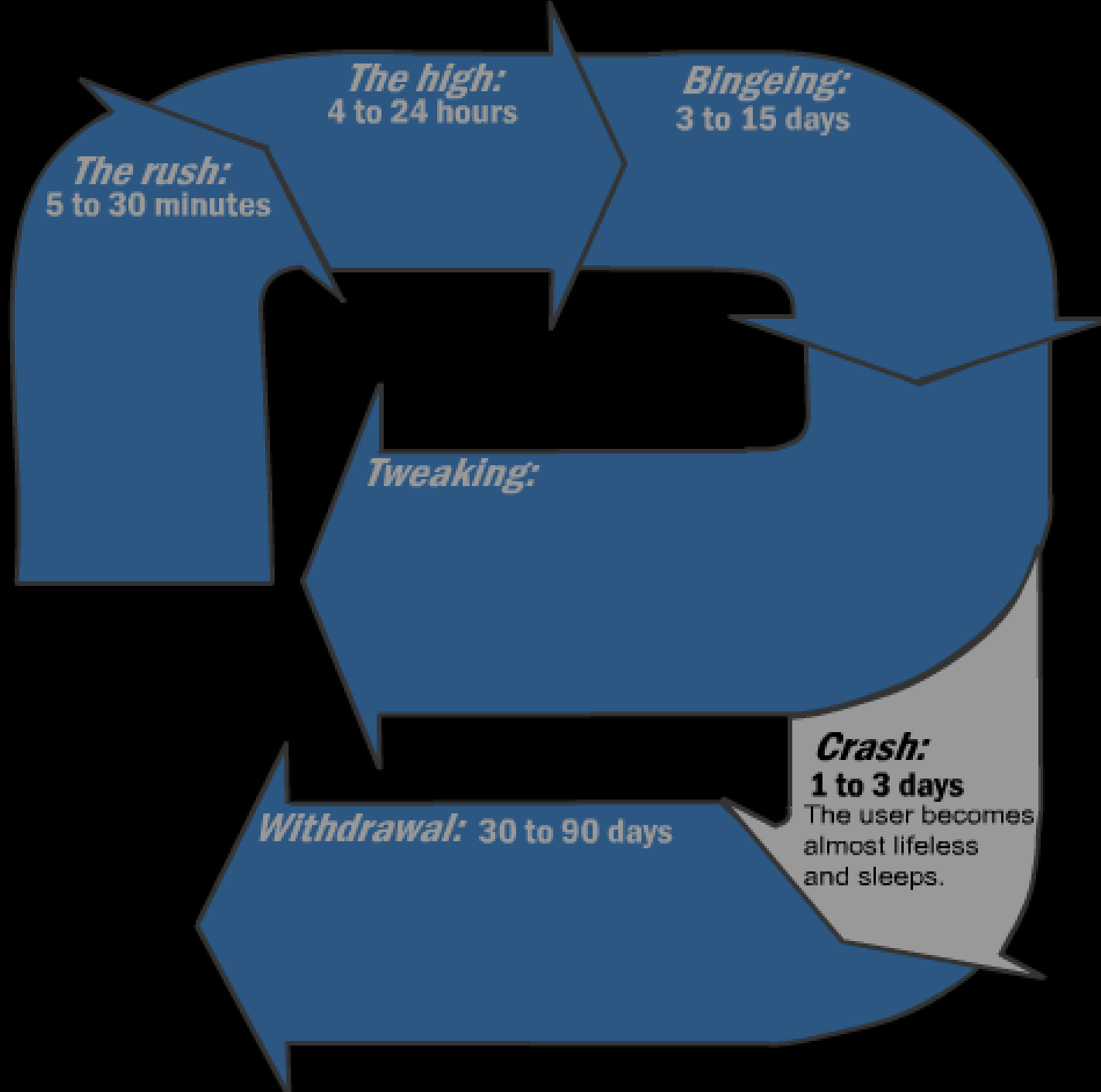
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This is the most dangerous stage. The user consumes the drug continually for up to 3 days without sleep. The user may be driven into severe depression, followed by worsening paranoia, belligerence, aggression, anxiety, fatigue and an intense craving for the drug. Finally, the user may collapse from exhaustion, only to awaken days later to begin the cycle again.

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No immediate symptoms are evident, but the user first may become depressed, then lethargic. The craving for meth hits and the user may become suicidal. Taking meth at any time during withdrawal can stop the unpleasant feelings. Consequently, a high percentage of addicts in treatment return to abuse.

Effects on the Mind



- Paranoia
- Depression
- Irritability
- Panic attacks
- Mental Illness
- Delusions
- Hallucinations
- Sleep Deprivation
- Extreme Violence

Open Sores

Meth users suffer from what they call "Crank Bugs". Meth is manufactured with chemicals that are toxic to the human body, and once the drug is taken the chemicals remain. The body's natural reaction is to try and eliminate the toxins. Users itch and scratch which causes the open sores.





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The cycle of abuse



10 Years of Meth Use

