**What is it?**

-Cocaine is an extremely powerful central nervous system stimulant, or "upper."

-Cocaine acts directly on the brain's "pleasure centers," which causes changes in brain activity.

-People often use cocaine to change their moods and mental state.

**Other Names**

-Coke
-Snow
-Blow
-Snowball

**Side Effects**

-Increased body temperature, heart rate, and blood pressure

-Headaches

-Abdominal pain and nausea

-Decreased appetite

-Irritability, restlessness, anxiety, and paranoia

-Paranoid psychosis (loss of touch with reality and auditory hallucinations)

-Loss of smell, nosebleeds, and a chronically runny nose

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