ICE
...A HIGHLY ADDICTIVE FORM
OF METHAMPHETAMINE

FACTS ON ICE

- Ice is the street name for *smokable* methamphetamine
- Smoking meth delivers a very concentrated dose giving the user an almost instant high—and often causes irreversible damage to the lungs & brain.
- Ice (for the most part), is a clear crystal that looks like chipped ice, rock candy or Hawaiian salt.
- Other names for Ice include: Crystal, Meth, Clear, Ice Cream, Shabu, Crank, and Batu.
- In 2009 a pound of ice cost an average of $90,000 in Hawai`i at an average of $200 a gram.
- An Ice high, depending how often it’s used, is said to last anywhere from 7 to 24 hrs.
- Ice is one of the purest forms (90-100%) of methamphetamine, BUT made with the harshest, most lethal chemicals.

BEHAVIORAL SIGNS OF USE

- Hyperactive and obsessive-compulsive
- Confused and anxious
- Binge and crash cycle (users will go for days without sleep, then crash and sleep for long periods of time)
- Suicidal/homicidal ideals and actions
- Uncontrollable scratching, or skin picking
- Irritable, aggressive, violent behavior
- Burned fingertips from the “Ice-pipe”
- Criminal acts to support habit
- Avoids socializing
- Stops eating healthy altogether
- Poor Hygiene

PHYSICAL SIGNS OF USE

- Increased blood pressure/body temperatures (106º and higher), and cold sweats
- Dangerous weight loss and malnutrition
- Shakes, nausea and stomach cramps
- Extreme depression
- Insomnia
- Paranoia, panic attacks
- Tooth decay (due to harsh chemicals being inhaled, involuntary teeth grinding, and poor hygiene)
- Skin ulcerations, sores in mouth
- Dilated pupils
- Chemical body odor and breath
- Auditory & visual hallucinations
- Severe constipation and/or diarrhea

PARAPHERNALIA

Glass pipes, butane lighters, empty mini Ziploc bags with white powder residue, cut straws and tin foil with burn marks and white residue, scraping devices, syringes, burned spoons, etc.
Consequences of Using Ice

Highly Addictive, Irreversible Damage to Brain and Lungs, Danger of Stroke and Heart Attack...Death

In Hawaii

- In 2009, Hawaii State Special Divisions lead judge dealing with Child Protective Services cases said, “eight out of 10 CPS cases are drug related, mostly to ice...of 50 domestic abuse cases a week, 25% involve ice.

- According to the State Department of Health, in fiscal year 2008 46% of admissions into state funded treatment centers were due primarily to ice use.

- The 2007 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey reported in Hawai`i 5% of high school students used ice at least once—with a significant increase in 10th grade use.

- In 2007 Hawaii law officials seized a total value of $5.3 million (market value) of ice.

- Ice contributed to 80% of drug offenses and arrests in Hawaii in 2007.

- Law officials identified Ice as the drug most contributing to violent and property crime in Hawai`i, costing the state more than $500 million each year in crime, lost productivity, treatment, health care and foster care incidents.

- It can take up to $10,000 or more to treat a hard-core Ice addict, with no guarantee they will never use the drug again, according to Elaine Wilson, former chief of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division.

Legal Issues

- Crystal methamphetamine is a Schedule II controlled substance and classified as a dangerous drug.

- Possession of any amount of a dangerous drug is a class C felony the maximum penalty for which is five years in prison and/or $10,000 fine.

- Conviction for methamphetamine related offenses has a mandatory six month prison sentence.

- Possession of one-eighth or more of an ounce of methamphetamine or the distribution of any amount of dangerous drug, is a class B felony and punishable up to 10 years in prison and/or a $25,000 fine.

- Possession of one ounce or more, the distribution of one-eighth ounce or more of methamphetamine is a class A felony, punishable by 20 years in prison and/or a maximum fine of $50,000.

- Possession or distribution of a dangerous drug in any amount to a minor is a first degree offense and falls under a class A Felony.

- The maximum sentence is 20 years in prison and a maximum fine of $50,000.