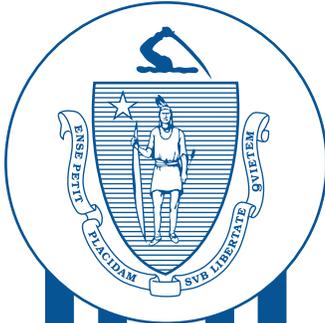


# UNDERSTANDING THE DANGERS OF

# MDMA



Molly—slang for “molecular”—refers to the pure crystalline powder form of the club drug MDMA (3-4 methylenedioxymethamphetamine), which in pill form is known as ecstasy. Molly, which is usually purchased in capsules, has seen a surge in interest in the past few years, being celebrated frequently by popular music artists. MDMA in any form produces energy and euphoria in users but also may dangerously affect body temperature and cause confusion, depression, and sleep problems.

Users may seek out Molly to avoid the adulterants or substitutes known to be commonly found in pills sold as ecstasy, such as caffeine, methamphetamine, and other harmful drugs. News reports have reported “Molly” capsules contain cocaine, heroin, and other substances. Additionally, the closeness-promoting effects of MDMA and its use in sexually charged contexts, particularly in combination with sildenafil (Viagra), may encourage unsafe sex, which is a risk factor for contracting or spreading HIV and hepatitis.

## Molly Drug Facts

- **Molly (MDMA) is a psychoactive drug with stimulant and hallucinogenic properties.**
- **Side effects include - increased heart rate and blood pressure, muscle tension, teeth clenching, blurred vision, faintness, hyperthermia (increased body temperature) and death.**
- **Molly is NOT made by pharmaceutical companies, so purity and additives are unknown.**
- **Combined with alcohol and other drugs increases the side effects.**
- **Possession of Molly is illegal.**
- **The duration of Molly's effects are 3 to 6 hours.**
- **Depression, anxiety and memory difficulties can persist for days after using Molly.**

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