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## Managing the risks

**To reduce the risks and harm from this drug:**

Don't use it.

**If you do use it:**

- take it only occasionally
- avoid high doses (which can cause convulsions)
- don't use with other drugs
- drink plenty of water and avoid sustained activity (risk of dehydration)
- remember how to practise safer sex
- don't inject (infection and drug contaminants)

**If you do inject:**

- don't share injecting equipment which can risk HIV and hepatitis infection
- get clean equipment from a needle exchange scheme
- dispose of equipment safely.

Contact your local drug agency for more information/help.



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## Drug

**LSD (Lysergic Acid Diethylamide)**

**Also known as:** trips, acid, tabs, microdot.

**Kind of drug:** hallucinogen.

Found on small squares of impregnated paper, usually with a colourful design, eg cartoon or film characters; as microdots sandwiched between tape; as tablets.

**How used:** swallowed, also injected.



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## Legal facts (1) header - the laws

*The Medicines Act 1968.* Many drugs used as medicines are legally available on doctors prescriptions only, eg heroin, methadone, tranquillisers. Some can be bought without prescription, but only in chemists shops (pharmacies), eg strong cough medicines; a few can be bought in any shop, eg Paracetamol.

*The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.* Controls the misuse (non-medical) of certain drugs. Apart from prepared opium it is not actually illegal to use these controlled drugs covered by this act.

It is illegal to:

- just have the drug (Possession)
- have the drug to sell/give to others (Possession with intent to supply)
- make or grow the drug (Supply)
- give, sell or share the drug (Supply)
- import or export
- allow your home, or premises you manage, to be used for supplying or offering to supply the drug, (but allowing drug use is *not* illegal apart from smoking opium or cannabis!).

Some of the drugs covered by the Misuse of Drugs Act:

- Class A: LSD, Ecstasy, cocaine, heroin, other strong opiates, magic mushrooms (prepared).
- Class B: Cannabis, barbiturates, amphetamines, codeine, other weaker opiates.
- Class C: Sleeping tablets, tranquillisers, weak opiates eg Temgesic.
- Any controlled drug prepared for injection counts as Class A.

*Possession* means being found to have a controlled drug on you, your clothes, car, house or bag. If you can't prove that the drug was for your *own use only*, you could also be charged with *supply*.

You don't have to tell the police if you know someone is using or dealing, but you could be in trouble if you deliberately obstruct enquiries.



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## Effects

**The effects users look for:** intoxication (of alcohol), sociability, hilarity, loss of inhibitions.

**Other effects:** spots around nose and mouth, lingering smell, unconsciousness, sudden sniffing death (SSD), physical accidents.