

KNOW IT The chemical name for LSD is lysergic acid diethylamide or lysergide.

It is known as acid, trips, tabs, blotters, or microdots.

LSD usually comes on small paper squares.

Sometimes LSD is known by the picture printed on the paper square, such as Barts, dragons, strawberries...

THE LAW LSD is illegal. It's a Class A drug.

The maximum penalty for possession is 7 years' prison and/or a fine.

The maximum penalty for supply is life imprisonment and/or a fine.

A drugs record can cause serious problems at home and school and could affect job prospects.

If you have a drugs record, it can be difficult to get a visa to travel to some countries.

The information given here is general. If specific legal advice is required, please consult a solicitor.

EFFECTS LSD is an hallucinogenic drug. It has a powerful effect on the mind.

The effects of LSD are known as a 'trip'. While a user is tripping they will experience their surroundings in a very different way. Sense of movement and time may speed up or slow down. Objects, colour and sound may become distorted.

Once a trip starts, there's no way of stopping it. Effects can last up to twelve hours depending on the dose.

LSD can make the user feel different at different times. The effects can be unpredictable. Users experience trips differently every time.

A 'bad' trip can be terrifying. Users may feel threatened and can even forget that the drug is responsible. A 'bad' trip is more likely if the user is feeling anxious, nervous or uncomfortable.

LSD may trigger mental problems in some people. Anyone who has a history of mental illness, or is unhappy or depressed, should not take LSD.

LSD distorts the senses and can give the user a false impression of their surroundings.

RISKS

Taking it in dangerous or out of the way places can increase the risk of accidents. Accidents may happen while users are hallucinating.

A sudden shock or fright can send the user into an anxiety or panic attack. If this happens the user should be taken to a quiet place, reassured, told they are safe and that the bad feelings will wear off.

When the effects of LSD have faded, users can feel exhausted, weak and depressed.

Users may experience flashbacks, where parts of a trip are briefly re-lived some time after the event.

LSD can complicate mental health problems such as depression, anxiety and schizophrenia.