

2CB

Street Names

Bromo, CB, Erox, Cloud 9, Nexus, Toonies, Spectrum, or by pharmacists as 4-Bromo-2,5 Dimethoxyphenethylamine.

Description

2CB is usually sold in tablet or capsule form and occasionally as a powder.

Routes of Use

2CB is usually taken orally but can be smoked or snorted.

History

2CB was developed by Alexander Shulgin, an American chemist and most of what we know is based on his accounts. At the moment there are no figures for levels of use in the UK. Clubbers and ravers are more likely to come across the drug than other user groups. Seen as a complimentary drug to ecstasy, 2CB was sold on the premise that if taken at the peak of ecstasy intoxication, heightened stimulation would ensue, lengthening the period of the high. Its use therefore is closely identified with ecstasy and the dance scene, although it is also taken on its own.

Effects People Seek

2CB is highly dose sensitive. In its pure state the drug is active at 15 to 40 mg, depending on one's body size. At lower doses the drug is described as an energetic experience similar to ecstasy. At higher doses the experience is similar to that of LSD and Ecstasy. People have reported heightened visual imagery, acute awareness of their bodies and increased sensitivity to smells, tastes and sexual stimulation. At low doses, users report feeling 'in touch with themselves' and often report erotic sensations. At higher doses, users indicate that moving objects seem to leave 'trails' behind them. Surfaces sometimes appear covered with geometric patterns and seem to move or breathe. Listening to music in conjunction with taking 2C-B reportedly causes patterns, colours, and movements to be distorted.

Other Effects

There are no selective studies into the effects of 2CB use. However, experience from other drugs such as Ecstasy and LSD, suggest that regular use can leave the user feeling fatigued, disorientated, and anxious. Users may also experience depression, and in vulnerable individuals may experience psychotic syndromes, visual illusions, panic attacks.

Dependence & Tolerance

2CB isn't physically addictive. A psychological dependence (when you feel that you cannot do without something) can occur, although this is unlikely.

The Law

2CB is categorised as belonging to the ecstasy family of drugs, and is therefore a Class A drug. It is illegal to produce, supply or possess the drug in any form. No doctor can prescribe it and anybody wanting to use it for research purposes has to obtain a licence from the Home Office.