

## **PMA – PARAMETHOXYAMPHETMINE**

**DESCRIPTION** – PMA is a clandestine manufactured synthetic drug. It was widely used in the 1970's as a psychoactive recreational drug.

**PACKAGING** – PMA is often sold as Ecstasy (MDMA), therefore it is similar in appearance and packaging as Ecstasy. PMA is sold in both powder and pill form. The pills are generally scroled with various designs, similar to Ecstasy. The powder can also be purchased in clear capsules, sold as "MOLLIES" (powder Ecstasy). The powder can have a beige, pink or yellowish color.

**WHERE THE DRUG IS SOLD** – This drug is most often sold as "all night", dance parties and dance clubs known as "RAVES". Additionally, PMA is a popular drug on both high school and college campuses. With little effort, PMA can be purchased over the Internet.

**METHODS OF USE** – Most PMA users ingest the drug in pill or capsule form. PMA can also be snorted and injected.

**STREET PRICES** – PMA is cheaper to make and is weaker than Ecstasy. PMA pills sell for \$5 - \$10 each and a gram of PMA powder will sell for \$50 to \$100.

**STREET NAMES** – Ecstasy, XTC, E, X and PMA.

**PHYSICAL EFFECTS** – Users of PMA experience erratic eye movements, mild hallucinations, increase in energy, muscle spasms, increased body temperature, labored breathing, nausea, vomiting, increased blood pressure, convulsions, failure of internal.organs, coma and death.

**USEFUL INFORMATION** – PMA is an extremely dangerous drug because it is sold as Ecstasy. Users taking their usual dosage of 1-3 pills thinking they are ingesting Ecstasy receive a less intensive feeling than with Ecstasy. The user, believing the Ecstasy is "weak", adds onto their normal dose. Within a matter of hours, the user's body temperature rises to 103-106 degrees shutting down their internal organs.