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Extreme Ecstasy

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) issued a warning about a dangerous new drug threat coming from Canada: ecstasy laced with methamphetamine (meth). Cutting their product with less-expensive meth boosts profits for Canadian ecstasy producers.

The number of people in the U.S. who reported that they tried ecstasy for the first time during the past year increased 40% between 2005 and 2006. One-third of these new users were under the age of 18. These increases coincide with increased production and trafficking of ecstasy from Canada.

The dangerous combination of meth and ecstasy can have severe health consequences, especially as both drugs have toxic effects on the brain. Both drugs interfere with the body’s ability to regulate temperature, which can result in liver, kidney, and cardiovascular system failure and death. The potential for a life-threatening or fatal overdose is also increased when meth-laced ecstasy is combined with alcohol. Recent research suggests that the combination of ecstasy and meth may produce greater adverse effects than either drug alone.

More than 55% of the ecstasy samples seized in the U.S. in 2007 contained meth. The powders of the two drugs are pressed into pill form and branded with popular images and bright colors making them easily marketable. Some law enforcement experts suggest that meth-laced ecstasy is an effort by traffickers to reverse trends unfavorable to their business by marketing a new product at a new point of entry.

U.S. and Canadian law enforcement are working together to put greater pressure on Canadian ecstasy producers through increased intelligence sharing and coordinated enforcement operations. ONDCP urges us to reinvigorate our prevention efforts and enhance educational outreach programs about the hazards of ecstasy laced with meth.

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