

## LSD

### How it works

LSD is an artificial chemical called Lysergic Acid Diethylamide. The real stuff is extremely powerful with only a tiny amount being needed to produce a very strong effect. It comes as a liquid which is dropped into small squares of blotting paper or card, or on sugar lump. The big problem is that you never know how much you are actually getting – as with many illegal drugs. Stuff sold as LSD is likely to contain either non-LSD stuff or big doses of it. And once you've taken some, you can't come off it for hours.



### What the Law says

LSD is a very nasty Class A drug, which means large fines and up to 7 years in prison for possession and Life imprisonment for supplying.

### History factoid

LSD was made from the ergot fungus by chemist Albert Hofmann. He didn't think it was interesting until five years later some LSD liquid got on his fingers. He licked them and suddenly came over all spacey...

### Amazing thing about it

In medieval times ergot fungus would sometimes attack crops. The villagers would make bread from the contaminated flour and then the whole village would go mad as trumpets for a while.

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