

# Drug Fact Sheet

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## Psilocybin

### Overview

Psilocybin is a chemical obtained from certain types of fresh or dried mushrooms.

### Street names

Magic Mushrooms, Mushrooms, Shrooms

### Looks like

Mushrooms containing psilocybin are available fresh or dried and have long, slender stems topped by caps with dark gills on the underside. Fresh mushrooms have white or whitish-gray stems; the caps are dark brown around the edges and light brown or white in the center. Dried mushrooms are usually rusty brown with isolated areas of off-white.



### Methods of abuse

Psilocybin mushrooms are ingested orally. They may also be brewed as a tea or added to other foods to mask their bitter flavor.

### Affect on mind

The psychological consequences of psilocybin use include hallucinations and an inability to discern fantasy from reality. Panic reactions and psychosis also may occur, particularly if a user ingests a large dose.

### Affect on body

The physical effects include: nausea, vomiting, muscle weakness, and lack of coordination.

### Drugs causing similar effects

Psilocybin effects are similar to other hallucinogens, such as mescaline and peyote.

### Overdose effects

Effects of overdose include: longer, more intense "trip" episodes, psychosis, and possible death. Abuse of psilocybin mushrooms could also lead to poisoning if one of the many varieties of poisonous mushrooms is incorrectly identified as a psilocybin mushroom.

### Legal status in the United States

Psilocybin is a Schedule I substance under the Controlled Substances Act, meaning that it has a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision.

### Common places of origin

Psilocybin mushrooms are found in Mexico, Central America, and the United States.

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