

Westville Police Service

"Committed to building a safe, healthy, friendly, and engaged community through a high level of policing"

Westville Police Service members responded to 115 calls for service in the month of December 2022. Of the calls for the month, 28 criminal investigations, 11 other provincial statues, 5 municipal by-law enforcements, 10 are motor vehicles related and 61 are other calls to service.

Meth Before & After Pictures

THE HORRORS OF METHAMPHETAMINES

Acne appears or worsens. Obsessive skin-picking often causes meth users` faces to be covered in small sores and scarring - the result of a common sensory hallucination of bugs crawling beneath the skin.

Meth, like other stimulants, suppresses appetite and can lead to undernourishment due to long periods without eating. Over time, the body begins consuming muscle tissue and facial fat, giving users a gaunt, hollowed-out appearance.

"Meth Mouth" is caused by several factors; tooth enamel is dissolved by the harsh chemicals of the drug, the blood vessels contained in healthy gums and teeth shrink, increasing the rate of decay, the production of saliva diminishes, allowing harmful acids to further damage the mouth, cravings for sugary foods increases with meth use, oral hygiene is typically neglected while high, and heavy tooth-grinding is an additional side effect of the drug.

The combination of skin issues, facial fat and muscle loss, hygiene neglect and increased oral decay lead to the appearance of exaggerated aging, sometimes shockingly so.

With long-term use, the physical appearance of meth users can continue to decline. Meth sores may grow in size and number, the face may become sunken in, and dental health may noticeably deteriorate. The result may be an unsightly meth transformation that makes people on meth almost unrecognizable to their loved ones.



SKIN



FACIAL MUSCULATURE AND FAT



TEETH AND GUMS



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INCREASING ESTIMATED AGE

Methamphetamine Users

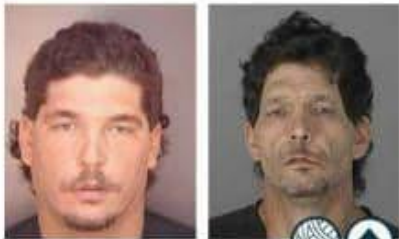


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Recognizing Meth Use Before It Progresses

The crystalline form of methamphetamine, often referred to as "crystal", "ice", "crank" or simply "meth", is a powerfully addictive man-made drug which is typically snorted, injected or swallowed. It is a powerful stimulant, causes a high that can last up to 12 hours, and has appetite suppressing properties that have made it appealing, particularly among women. However, tolerance to crystal methamphetamine occurs rapidly, causing the user to take increasing amounts or more frequent doses as they chase a diminishing high. Severe physiological and psychological addiction invariably take hold at this point. Because of the process by which this form of methamphetamine is manufactured, crystal meth is full of harsh chemicals, impurities and additives that make the drug especially dangerous.



During methamphetamine use, a person's pupils become dilated, their heart rate increases and they may show signs of physical exertion (such as sweatiness and elevated body temperature). They may seem particularly agitated, nervous or frustrated. Because it is a strong stimulant, users will often go for long periods - possibly even days at a time - without sleep and a diminished appetite. Looking gaunt, drawn or undernourished is frequently a cause for concern even if it isn't indicative of a drug addiction.

Over long periods of addiction like those depicted in the meth before and after pictures above, the harsh chemicals in the drug cause oral deterioration, often termed "meth mouth," and skin health also suffers as increased acne and sores from skin-picking begin to appear. These changes in physical appearance tend to be easily recognizable and alarming.

What Meth Does to You

A [methamphetamine addiction](#) can have devastating effects on the user's life. As was made clear with the meth before and after photos above, a meth user's appearance can get progressively worse over time, but scabs, sores, sunken eyes, and "meth mouth" are just the beginning. The chemicals used to create methamphetamine are particularly caustic to the human body, and can begin to take their toll swiftly.

Short term effects include the following:

- Increased heart rate and blood pressure
- Irregular heartbeat and cardiovascular problems
- Insomnia
- Intense irritability
- Anxiety/paranoia
- Convulsions
- Possibility of stroke

Long term effects include:

- Delusions
- Auditory hallucinations
- Violent behavior
- Homicidal or suicidal thoughts