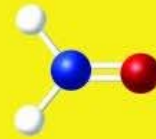
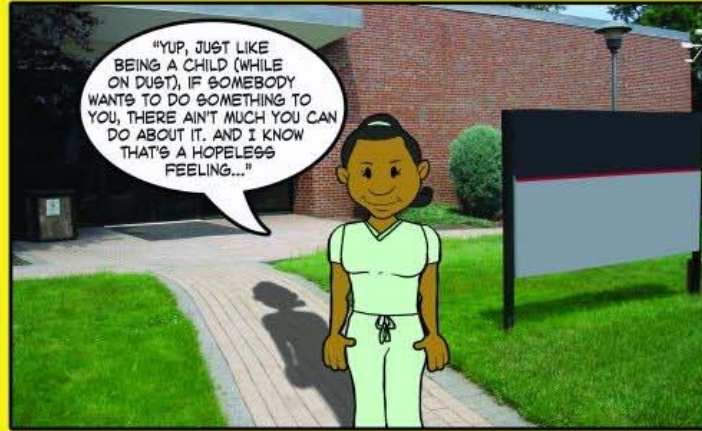


# Dust



By 1998, Dust (dried leaves laced with PCP and/or other substances) was widely used in Hartford. About 91% of youth in our first study said they had ever used it; those who used in the last month prior to the interview used it 13 times. Dust was cheap, easy to buy and use, and youth believed that it was a way to achieve a better high than from using marijuana. Side effects included "getting stuck", paranoia, hallucinations and uncontrolled violent outbreaks. By 2000 a national increase from 1.4% to 4% of high school students reported PCP use. Our data also demonstrated its spread to surrounding towns and college campuses, corroborating the national trend.



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"People -- they try [Dust] just thinking it's a new drug, and you know, people get excited about a new drug. It doesn't often come along that there is a new drug, and so they want to try the new drug and they think it's just like a -- you know, a little bit of a twist on marijuana, and they get much more than they bargain for. They don't know that it's PCP or that it very likely could be PCP. And that's what I think is the public health issue."

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### What are the consequences of phencyclidine (PCP) use?

- \* NUMBNESS, SLURRED SPEECH, LOSS OF COORDINATION, AND RAPID AND INVOLUNTARY EYE MOVEMENTS
- \* AUDITORY HALLUCINATIONS, IMAGE DISTORTION, SEVERE MOOD DISORDERS, AND AMNESIA
- \* IN SOME USERS, PCP USE MAY RESULT IN ACUTE ANXIETY, A FEELING OF IMPENDING DOOM, PARANOIA, VIOLENT HOSTILITY.
- \* PCP USE MAY PRODUCE A PSYCHOSIS INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA.

