

# Ecstasy



From 2001 to 2002 MDMA was widely used, bought and sold in Hartford and other cities. National concern about drugs used in the party scene resulted in crack downs on Ecstasy and other designer drugs. Several deaths were associated with MDMA in the Hartford area during this period. On January, 18 2001, three popular downtown clubs were shut down resulting in a shift in the local party scene from clubs and bars to private parties and gatherings and other public places.

## Where people exchange drugs in regular club and after-hour settings

- \* IN THE ENTRANCE LINE
- \* ON THE BALCONY
- \* WITH THE BOUNCERS
- \* OUTSIDE AT THE FRONT
- \* IN THE BAR
- \* OUTSIDE IN THE PARKING LOT
- \* ON THE DANCE FLOOR
- \* IN THE BATHROOMS
- \* IN THE PRIVATE V.I.P.
- \* ON THE UPPER FLOOR ROOMS

## PRIMETIME LIVE, "ECSTASY RISING" ABC NEWS. 04/1/2004

These are excerpts from the aforementioned program on Ecstasy reflecting opposing points of view with regards to its value and potential harm.

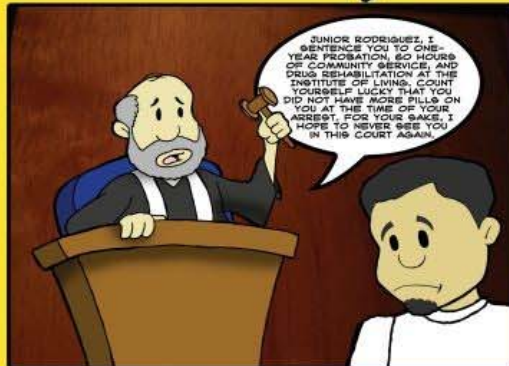
"I've never heard anybody say to me, "methamphetamine improved my life. I'm a better person for having used methamphetamine." Same thing with cocaine. I know people who like to use cocaine. Never heard anybody try to claim, "cocaine is good for me." MDMA, lots of people think that the drug improved their life, and continue to think that after they've stopped using it. That's what's astonishing."

Dr. Mark Kleiman (Drug Policy Analyst)

"Basically, people using Ecstasy now and in the past decade are acting as guinea pigs. Nobody knows exactly what the long-term effects on the brain of using this drug for prolonged periods of time regularly are yet. And the effects, quite frankly, might be devastating."

Mereilli Silcoff (Author)

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CLUBS AND BARS FORCED US TO  
MOVE OUR PARTYING TO HOUSES,  
HOTELS AND AFTER-HOURS, AS  
WELL AS PUSHED THE DEALING OF  
ECSTASY TO THE STREETS.



## Hartford Courant.

### Teens' Death Blamed On 'E'

Police Seek Supplier Of House Party Drug  
By CHRIS HOLTZMAN and GABRIEL SIEM  
COURANT STAFF WRITERS

## Hartford Courant.

### Lights Out At Rave Clubs

By TIM A. BRONKHORST and NITT BURGHED  
COURANT STAFF WRITERS

"A man's boasts that he was pushing 10,000 Ecstasy pills a week in Hartford and his claim that he paid a club owner \$1000 a week to be the nightclub's exclusive Ecstasy supplier gave police the link they needed to temporarily shut down a segment of Hartford's night life."

"There is no evidence that Ecstasy leads to hard drug use, but there are other risks including adulterated pills, and users' connections with drug dealers and violence."

Jean J. Schensul, Ph.D.  
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For more information on this conference you can visit:  
<http://www.drugabuse.gov/Meetings/MDMA/MDMAindex.html>

## Government Campaign Against Club Drugs:

Legislation to curb Ecstasy and other club drugs was introduced in the US Congress during 2000-2001 (from Thomas, the US Library of Congress, online database):

- \* Ecstasy Prevention Act of 2001
- \* Rave Act
- \* Drug-Free Communities Support Program extended for 5 years
- \* Support expressed in the House for the President's 2002 National Drug Control Strategy
- \* Communities Combating College Drinking and Drug Use Act
- \* 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act was Introduced in the Senate

November 21, 2002  
\* DEA TO LAUNCH "OPERATION X-OUT"  
\* NEW CLUB AND PREDATORY DRUG INITIATIVE