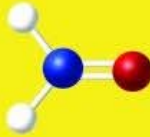


Dust



From 2001 to 2002, the popularity of Dust in Hartford was greater than ever before, and it was easily available and cheap. Dust became the new drug of choice after marijuana for many experimenting youth and young adults in our studies. Many acts of violence throughout the city's neighborhoods were associated with its use, spiking law enforcement actions and subsequently, media attention. The news report "Fried" by CNN brought national attention to this phenomenon; the episode was entirely dedicated to this drug. In addition, local media outlets like the Hartford Courant covered the subject extensively.

16 PERCENT OF OUR PARTICIPANTS REPORTED BUYING MARIJUANA WITH ADDITIVES. EXPLORING THIS FURTHER THROUGH IN-DEPTH INTERVIEWS, WE ALSO DISCOVERED PARTICIPANTS REPORTED USING MARIJUANA WITH ADDITIVES WITHOUT PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE. HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU GOT SICK AFTER SMOKING NAIL POLISH TO GET HIGH?



Reported Additives	
* Cocaine	* Hash
* Dust	* Crystal Meth
* Heroin	* Blueberry Spray
* Opium	* Nail Polish

Emergency room doctors, and other medical professionals raise growing concerns regarding the contents of Dust. These issues are reflected nationally in the CNN documentary on Dust use in Connecticut. Doctors center their concerns on the contents of the drug. Although many users claim that the main ingredient of the product is embalming fluid, often patients are testing positive for PCP. According to some professionals, this has become a growing public health concern.

Ingredients: Formaldehyde/PCP?

Dust: no PCP, with adulterants
A recipe for "dust" contributed by a local producer who used this recipe several years ago is the following: 1 pound mint leaves, 12 oz. can of Black Flag roach spray, 10 oz. Embalming fluid, 600 cc animal tranquilizer (ICR field notes, Jan. 2001). This producer then placed the mix in the freezer until it was "dry", forming a powder ("dust"), or a sticky mix ("wet"), and sold it in vials or plastic packets. (ICR field notes, 2001)

Dust: with PCP
Is it actually weed or mint leaves mixed with embalming fluid, or is it mixed with PCP? R: No, it's embalming fluid and PCP mixed together... yeah, that's why they flip like that, that's exactly what it is. I seen them cut it and everything-yeah that's what it is. umm, seen it. I told you I walked into somebody's house, they had a plate full of it (black powdery dust) and everything- that's what it is. (ICR fieldnotes, 2002-3)

