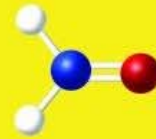


# Dust



From 2003 to 2005 Dust diffused to communities throughout greater Hartford, spreading from the north to the south part of the city and neighboring suburbs. During this period media coverage on Dust and myths concerning its ingredients peaked across the nation. Sources found that what users thought they knew about the drug's contents did not match what was being found in toxicology screens in users. Nationally the rate of Dust use remained consistent while methamphetamine use begins to grab more of the media's focus. Meanwhile, Dust manufacturing locations increased in Greater Hartford contributing to increased variation in Dust ingredients and effects in order to appeal to the local market.



THIS IS THE ANSWER I GOT FROM A PARTICIPANT WHEN I ASKED HIM ABOUT DUST AND VIOLENCE: "AS SOON AS YOU SMOKE THAT DUST, 'YO, WHY THIS DUDE LOOKIN' AT ME, I'M GONNA GO OVER THERE,' THEN YOUR BOYS GO OVER THERE, AND THEN IT'S A BIG ASS FIGHT. 'YO, I'M GONNA FIGHT THIS DUDE AFTER SCHOOL, 'YO, I'M GONNA BE DUSTED SO I'M GONNA BEAT HIM DOWN,' 'Y'KNOW WHAT I'M SAYIN'? WHEN YOU DUSTED, YOU FLIP, YOU FLIP IT ON 'EM, DO LIKE, YOU JUST STRIKE. IT'S LIKE, YOU COULD GET JUMPED BY A SQUAD FULL OF COPS AND JUST FLIP 'EM OFF OF YOU, YA' KNOW."

"...I didn't know what to do like to get myself out of that situation...he was trying to get me to have sex with him in that car, and I didn't want to and I was getting scared because he was getting aggressive. So I was like I don't want to do it here, y'know, and I'm trying to think of ways to get out of there. So I said, Let's go to my house, y'know? And I was living at the corner...at this time, and there usually always be a lot of guys out there ...I just like got of the car, and I started crying because I was like so scared this dude was going to rape me ...those dudes just ran up to me to the car, and he pulled off cause he got scared. So that's how I got out of it. But like I couldn't, I couldn't like really see, I couldn't see like clear, everything was like a blur, and when like when I tried to step up on the curb, it like took me forever. I was so, I was too high."

30-year old AA female Dust user.

