

Cocaine – Part 2



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SUMMARY: *This continuation follows on from the first part of the article on cocaine /Šejvl, J. (2010). Kokain (část 1). Adiktologie, (10)4, 246–251/. Building on the previous account, this article describes the spread of cocaine over the territory of the Czech Republic and the various patterns of its use. Different forms of (ab)use – coca leaves, paste, and hydrochloride, including freebasing – are also considered. This section is followed by information on its health aspects; the general impact of cocaine on different bodily organs and its explicit effects are presented. In addition, the effects of cocaine are divided according to the severity of the health risks into mild, moderate, and severe consequences. Additional categorisation involves a division into one-off, short-term, and long-term use. The potential degree of dependency is also considered. A short section is dedicated to the impact of cocaine on the human psychological condition and its role in pregnancy and one's sex life.*

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