Dealing with a 'Mamba' overdose



Although effects can look disturbing in the vast majority of cases people smoking 'Mamba' will not require emergency treatment, however:

• If in doubt Call an ambulance.



 Bad trips: If someone is hallucinating, paranoid or anxious, take them somewhere quiet where they feel safe.

Calm and reassure them.



• **Seizures** (fits): Ensure the area is safe and there is nothing they could hurt themselves on. Don't hold people down as this is dangerous:

Call an ambulance.



• Overheating: If they are flushed and skin feels very hot (+ 38.5°C) Rest and cool. Use damp cloth on skin and drink water. If not settling after about 5 minutes: Call an ambulance.



• If they have chest pains: on vomit and Call an sit them down in a calm environment and reassure them. Call an ambulance.



• Breathing difficulties, such as fast or shallow breathing, not settling within 5 minutes.

Call an ambulance.

• Unconsciousness: It can be risky to startle or frighten people intoxicated on 'Mamba' as this can lead to heart failure. If they can't be woken by gentle shaking and calling; make sure they are lying on their side so they don't choke on vomit and Call an ambulance.



• Other concerns: e.g. severe vomiting, frothing at mouth, severe headache, significant agitation or aggression, not settling within 15 minutes.

Call an ambulance.



Treatment advice or support is available from: Derby Drug and Alcohol Service, St Andrews House, 201 London Road. Tel: 0300 7900265. Mon & Fri 9-5; Tues 12-5; Wed & Thu 9 – 8; Sat 10-4