Mushrooms (also known as Liberties, magics, mushies, purple passion, liberty cap and Fly Agaric). Magic mushrooms (“shrooms”) are a powerful, naturally occurring illegal hallucinogenic that grows in the wild. They produce similar effect to LSD (another name being “acid”) but just not as potent.

So how does it work?
The chemicals in mushrooms that produce the hallucinogenic effect are called psilocybin and psilocin. When you eat mushrooms, psilocybin is converted into a chemical called psilocin. Psilocin is then absorbed into the blood stream where it is taken to the brain. This chemical binds with receptors in the brain and makes the mind to strange things.

What happens when Mushrooms are mixed with....

Alcohol?
Alcohol use has been linked with lowering inhibitions for participation in unusual and unsafe activities.

Marijuana?
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What if you take Mushrooms while you are pregnant?
Use may increase the risk of miscarriage.

Is there a chance this substance could contain contaminants if it is obtained “on the street”? If so, what are the effects of these contaminants?
Magic mushrooms look like some poisonous mushrooms, so a person could become poisoned by mistakenly eating the wrong kind. This can lead to liver and kidney damage and even death. They can also be laced with other drugs thereby intensifying its effects. Additional effects will be dependent upon the contaminant..

Short term effects of taking Mushrooms

Judgment
• Mushrooms can speed up and slow down the perception of time and movement, change perception of colors, sounds and objects.
• Use could result in euphoria, paranoia, confusion, hallucinations and nervousness.
• Use can make one withdrawn and unable to interact with surrounding social situations.
• Use can induce panic attacks.
• Ingestion of mushrooms can have random effects on judgment.

Memory
• Use of this agent will interfere with one's ability to interact in a social setting.
• It will make one more emotionally sensitive.
• Use may increase the risk of mental health problems.
• Ingestion of mushrooms can have random effects on memory.

Health
• Use increases the heart rate and blood pressure.
• Stomach pains, nausea, diarrhea, dizziness and lightheadedness are associated with use.
• Numbness of tongue, lips and mouth.
• Use may result in death.

Long term effects of taking Mushrooms

Judgment
Use can decrease motivation, prolong depression, anxiety, increase delusions and panic, and psychosis.

Memory
“Flashbacks” are associated with the use of mushrooms. A flash-back is a spontaneous re-experiencing of part of a hallucinogenic episode and it can be frightening.

Health
Tolerance builds up after a period of daily use.