



MAGIC MUSHROOMS:

Magic mushrooms are mushrooms that grow in the wild. The effects of magic mushrooms are experienced when eaten and are similar to LSD. The most potent variety is amanita muscaria or 'fly agaric'.

Slang: Street names for drugs can vary. Magic mushrooms, Liberties, magics, mushies, liberty cap, shrooms, Amani, agaric.

Appearance and use

Fly agaric mushrooms are red and white spotted toadstools you see in fairytale books. They are often stored, dried and eaten later as if they are eaten raw they can cause nausea and vomiting.

The effects

- The effects of magic mushrooms will usually kick in after approximately 2 hours and will take about 10 hours to wear off, with the strongest effects experienced after approximately 4-8 hours of ingestion.
- You will feel confident and relaxed and may experience distorted colours and shapes.
- **You can become tolerant of the effects of magic mushrooms quickly so may need to use more.**

The law

Magic Mushrooms are Class A drugs. You can get up to 7 years in jail for possession and up to 14 years for supply for you (and whoever you supply to).

Cost

Free if you know where to find them or up to £5 for a handful.

The risks

- You run the risk of picking the wrong (highly poisonous) mushroom if you do it yourself.
- You can feel sick, tired and confused after taking magic mushrooms and fly agaric can also kill you.
- If you experience a bad 'trip', it can be very frightening – and you won't know it until it's too late.