

Management of Patients with Psychostimulant Toxicity: Guidelines for Ambulance Services



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This resource provides guidelines to ambulance services for effectively and safely managing individuals who are experiencing problems related to the use of psychostimulants.

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Summary: This resource provides guidelines for ambulance services throughout Australia. The guidelines aim to provide information to assist in the effective and safe management of individuals who may be affected by **psychostimulants**, including **methamphetamines**, such as **crystal methamphetamine** ('ice'). The guidelines are designed to help paramedics to:

- Respond to individuals thought to be under the influence of psychostimulants, including ice
- Identify psychostimulant toxicity in patients
- Use a standardised sedation protocol to respond quickly and safely to psychostimulant toxicity.

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