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### Parents are unaware of Ecstasy risk

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1 More American teenagers are using Ecstasy, but parents remain clueless about the drug's deadly risks and accessibility, a new report says.

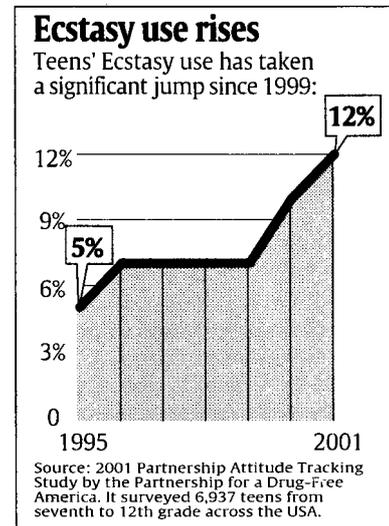
2 Developed in the early 1900s as a possible diet pill, Ecstasy burst onto the nightclub scene in the mid-1980s and quickly became "the rave generation's cocaine." Raves are all-night dance parties.

3 Nearly 12% of seventh- through 12th-graders report that they have used Ecstasy at least once, up 5 percentage points since 1999. But even though 92% of adults know that the drug exists, only 1% of them believe their child is among the 2.9 million teens who have tried it, according to the national survey.

4 The gap between the facts and perception has never been so obvious, says Steve Pasierb, president and CEO of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America. The New York-based non-profit tracks teens' and parents' attitudes about drugs and produces anti-drug ads.

5 For the Ecstasy survey, the group randomly polled 1,219 parents across the country in December and January.

6 "The level of denial is pretty drastic here," Pasierb says. According to researchers, this is due to Ecstasy's relative newness to the public, parents' reluctance to participate in their children's lives and the drug's false reputation as a low-risk and cheap and pleasurable high.



7 Also known as the hug drug, love drug, X, E, XTC, Roll, Adam and Bean, this synthetic psychoactive stimulant boosts energy and self-confidence. It brings feelings of euphoric empathy and intimacy. Ecstasy helps young people dance all night, but doctors say the drug also can dramatically increase body temperature and blood pressure and cause muscle breakdown. It also can cause heart and kidney failure. Laboratory studies have shown that Ecstasy can damage the brain and make even a one-night user prone to Parkinson's and depression.

8 Even so, the survey found that 60% of parents still aren't aware of Ecstasy's nature, 49% don't know of its effects and 41% doubt their son or daughter can easily obtain it.

9 But they are wrong, experts say. "It's as available at house and neighborhood parties as in raves," Pasierb says. "It's now in the drug pipeline."

10 Go to [drugfree.org](http://drugfree.org) or call 866-982-3228 for more information.

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