

## Concert Goers Overdose on Molly

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MDMA, or Molly, is suspected in the death of 2 people who attended Electric Zoo—a 3-day festival of dance music in New York. Four others were hospitalized.

Earlier this summer, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) reported that 21% of music festival goers admitted to using illegal drugs at a concert.

Unfortunately, the tragic incident in New York resulted in multiple overdoses and forced the mayor of Randall's Island to cancel the last day of the concert.

Though Molly has been connected to electronic and dance music for years, it has recently gained popularity in mainstream music because of mentions by Kanye West, Madonna, and most recently, Miley Cyrus.

MDMA is a manmade stimulant that can dangerously raise your heart rate and blood pressure and even cause life-threatening dehydration—especially when combined with physical activity like dancing. Molly is a name for pure

MDMA that comes in powder or crystal form. However, powder sold as "Molly" often is not pure. It is sometimes mixed with other drugs that can make an overdose more likely. Sometimes, it might not contain any MDMA at all.

People who buy and use drugs at music festivals have no way of knowing what they are really getting—or how it will affect them. It is important not to trust anyone trying to get you to take a drug. Just let music be your natural high.

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