

## Benzo Fury



Benzo Fury is a brand name for a 'legal high'. Tests usually show it to be the chemical 6-(2-aminopropyl) benzofuran (6-APB), an analogue of the class A substance MDA. The drug is a stimulant and a phenethylamine. It has similar effects to MDMA (Ecstasy). The name comes from the benzofuran ring in the chemical structure and should not be confused with benzodiazepines, which have entirely different effects.

Similar to many 'legal highs', the contents of the product can vary and may include substances which are illegal. Test analyses of Benzo Fury have shown that it can contain a structurally similar compound 5-APB, other substances such as D2PM (Diphenylprolinol), a Class B drug, and sometimes simply caffeine.

**Appearance:** Can be found in pill, gel capsule, pellet or white or tan grainy powder form. The powder form generally appears to be sold under the chemical name 6-APB.

**Cost:** Pellets cost approx £10 per pellet, powder form costs approx £36 per gram.

**Route of administration:** Benzo Fury is often consumed orally, either by swallowing pills, pellets or capsules, wrapping powder in a cigarette paper (bombing) or by mixing in a soft drink. The powder form can be snorted although oral appears to be the preferred route by most users, as users report nasal use can be unpleasant and painful.

### Onset of effects and duration:

Varies from 15 – 90 mins, depending on route of administration. Typically a nasal dose will come on more quickly, while an oral dose will generally take longer. Users often report it comes on in waves. Likened to an MDMA type experience, benzo fury tends to reach its peak within 2-3 hours from an oral dose and then will plateau for an average period of 4 hours. Coming down is described as gradual with effects lessening in intensity but potentially lasting up to 14 hours or more.

### Typical effects and side effects:

- Physical:**
- Rushes

- Increased heart rate and blood pressure
- Increased body temperature
- Chest pains/Palpitations
- Dilated pupils
- Sweating
- Teeth grinding
- Jaw clenching
- Dry mouth
- Increased thirst
- Sleeplessness/insomnia
- Difficulty with urination
- Kidney pain
- Liver damage
- Nausea and vomiting
- Headaches
- Suppressed appetite
- Eye jitters (nystagmus)

### Mental:

- Feeling of stimulation and excitement
- Euphoria
- Empathy
- Perception of increased energy
- Alertness
- Urge to talk
- Sexual arousal
- Visual and auditory hallucinations (hearing and seeing things)
- Anxiety
- Paranoia
- Panic
- Poor concentration
- Mental confusion
- Poor short term memory

### Long term effects/known harms:

Benzo Fury is a relatively unknown substance (and the active ingredient can vary). Little is known about the long-term effects and potential harms. As 6-APB is structurally similar to MDA, its risk profile may be similar, with overstimulation of the central nervous and cardiovascular system potential concerns.

### Legal status:

Not currently controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act in the UK at time of writing. Benzo Fury could be subjected to a temporary class drug order if there is deemed sufficient concern.

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