

## **Festival Promoters Against Nitrous**

Dear Festival Goer,

A growing problem on the live music and festival scene is the illegal sale and distribution of nitrous oxide gas. Festivals and concert venues have long banned the sale and use of nitrous oxide, however sales of the gas as a recreational dissociative drug have dramatically increased over the last few years, and dealers have become more organized and dangerous.

While festival promoters spend thousands of dollars on public safety – including rigorous vehicle searches for nitrous oxide, confiscation teams, and more – you, the music fans and concertgoers, continue to grow more frustrated by, and fearful of, the overwhelming presence of the gas dealers and have demanded to have something done to eliminate the growing presence of nitrous oxide within the live music community.

You have spoken and you've been heard.

For this reason, a group of promoters, backed by the support of the live music community, is taking serious steps to keep the nitrous dealers away in 2010.

In addition to the measures festivals are taking, we are now asking you to step up, take action and help us clean up the live music community.

### **Here's what you can do:**

Stop participating in any and all nitrous-related activities:

- buying
- selling
- using

By stopping nitrous consumption, you can help begin to rid these events of the individuals who leech on our community and put a damper on our gatherings.

A safer and more enjoyable environment will result from less nitrous activity.

Please do your part to help eliminate nitrous consumption. Summer concerts and music festivals have always been about a great community coming together to enjoy wonderful music, beautiful surroundings, and time spent with friends and family.

On behalf of all the promoters, have a great time this summer. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Sincerely,

Mountain Jam

## **Information about Nitrous Oxide at Festivals:**

### Organized Crime:

Many festivals have dealt with a sophisticated and organized criminal network, which can be easily regarded as a gang. These individuals infiltrate concerts and festivals, are difficult to contain, and are highly confrontational with security and other authority. We also believe that these gangs are responsible for thefts and automobile break-ins. In essence, these gangs detract from the community festival experience.

### Biological Effects of Nitrous Oxide:

- Short term effects include heart palpitations, difficulty breathing, dizziness, headaches and sometimes death from a prolonged period of inhalation
- Long-term effects include depression, permanent damage to the brain, nerves, heart, lungs, liver and kidneys. Long term users may experience convulsions, seizures, suffocation, choking, coma and may have fatal accidents while under the influence  
<http://www.drugalcoholaddictionrecovery.com>

### Environmental Impacts:

- Nitrous Oxide reacts with the ozone and is the main naturally occurring regulator of stratospheric ozone. Therefore, it is a major greenhouse gas and air pollutant.
  - Nitrous Oxide accounts for about 6% of the heating effect of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere.
- Nitrous Oxide also causes ozone depletion and is currently the biggest ozone depleting substance emission.  
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