DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

K2/Spice

Spice or K2, also known as Synthetic Marijuana, is popular among youth.



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What is Spice or K2?

It is a mixture of plant material that is sprayed with a synthetic compound similar to THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. Spice often looks like potpourri.

Street names:

K2, Bliss, Black Mamba, Blaze, Bombay Blue, Legal Weed, Genie, Zohai, Red X Dawn, Scooby Snax.

How is it abused?

It is abused mainly by smoking in joints or pipes or prepared as an herbal drink.

What is the effect of using Spice or K2?

- Psychological effects include paranoia, anxiety, panic attacks, hallucinations and giddiness.
- It can cause an increase in heart rate and blood pressure, convulsions, organ damage or death.
- Regular users of the drug may experience withdrawal and addiction problems.

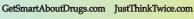
Did you know?

- Spice or K2 is often sold in foil or plastic packaging containing dried, shredded plant material and marketed as incense or "fake weed" that can be smoked.
- The plant material is sprayed or soaked with unknown substances that can be harmful.
- DEA banned 18 synthetic compounds used in Spice or K2 because they have a high potential to be abused and have no medical benefit.
- A national survey showed 4.0% of 8th graders; **7.4**% of 10th graders; and **7.9**% of 12th graders used synthetic marijuana in the past **Year.** (Source: 2013 Monitoring the Future Study, University of Michigan.)

True or False?

- At least 41 states have placed restrictions on the sale and use of Spice and Spice-like products because of their serious harmful effects. TRUE
- It is illegal to sell, buy, or possess Spice or K2 products. TRUE
- Poison Control Centers report that callers who used Spice gave symptoms of rapid heart rate, vomiting, agitation, confusion and hallucinations. TRUE

For drug prevention information, visit DEA's websites:









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