



“Spice,” Synthetic Marijuana



What is synthetic (man-made) marijuana?

“Spice” or “K-2” are just two names for products sold as incense. Other product names are Genie, Yucatan Fire, King Krypto, Mr. Nice Guy, K-3, Red Magic, Blueberry Medication and Super Skunk. The incense is sprayed with one or more chemicals which may include:

- JWH-015, -018, -019, -073, -200, -398
- HU-210, -211
- CP 47, 497.

Why do people smoke synthetic marijuana?

Instead of burning the incense as a fragrance, some people smoke it as a drug. Its popularity was due to its former legal status and the fact that the chemicals do not test positive on a THC drug test. Unlike natural marijuana, there is no way to know all the ingredients put into the synthetic products.

Is it illegal to buy or possess?

As of March 2011, it is illegal and scheduled as a Class I drug with penalties similar to marijuana possession. When one ingredient becomes illegal in a state, sellers often import another synthetic marijuana product with a different chemical ingredient.

Are a lot of people using synthetic marijuana? Poison Information Centers

receive calls from people who become ill on Spice. Poison center data:

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Are there any dangers to smoking this incense?

Synthetic marijuana has caused agitation (extreme nervousness), a fast heartbeat, increased blood pressure, tremors (shaking), vomiting, hallucinations and, in rare cases, seizures. Many who have smoked the incense say it’s not the mellow high that they expected. Many people ended up in hospitals. There have been a handful of deaths attributed to Spice.

**For answers to questions or advice after a poisoning incident,
call the free FL Poison Information Center hotline 24/7 at 1-800-222-1222.**

1. <http://www.aapcc.org/dnn/Portals/0/Synthetic%20Marijuana%20Data%20for%20Website%201.12.2012.pdf>
2. FL Poison Information Center query. <https://159.178.132.54/>



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