

K2/SPICE



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WHAT IS IT?

Synthetic cannabinoids, also known as K2 or Spice, are compounds created in laboratories and mimic delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, the main ingredient in marijuana that produces the psychoactive effect.

STREET NAMES

Black Magic, Blaze, Crazy Clown, Demon, Dream, Fire, Genie, K2, Mr. Nice Guy, Ninja, Paradise, RedX Dawn, Sence, Serenity, Skunk, Smoke, Spike, Yucatan, and Zohai.

HOW IS IT USED?

Spraying or mixing the synthetic cannabinoids on plant material, and smoking (using a pipe, a water pipe, or rolling drug-laced plant material in cigarette papers). In addition to the cannabinoids laced in plant material and sold as potpourri and incense, liquid cannabinoids can also be vaporized through electronic cigarettes.



EFFECTS ON THE BRAIN AND BODY

- Psychological effects include psychotic episodes, hallucinations, agitation, disorganized thoughts, confusion, suicidal thoughts, and paranoia.
- Physical effects include increased heart rate and blood pressure, tremors,

seizures, vomiting, kidney damage, and unconsciousness.

- Regular users of the drug may experience dependence and withdrawal.

DID YOU KNOW?

Synthetic cannabinoid products are often labeled “not for human consumption.” Labels often claim they contain natural material taken from a variety of plants. However, the only parts of these products that are natural are the dried plant materials. Chemical tests show that the active, mind-altering ingredients are cannabinoid compounds made in laboratories. Manufacturers sell these products in colorful foil packages and plastic bottles to attract customers.

Source: www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/synthetic-cannabinoids-k2spice



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