



# Synthetic Drugs

## *Synthetic Cathinones (Bath Salts)*

### Street Names

Artic Blast, Aura, Blue Magic, Cloud 9, Ivory Fresh, Purple Wave, Snow Leopard, Vanilla Sky, Wicked and others.

### Packaging

Synthetic cathinones (Bath Salts) are sold as white or tan-colored crystals, powders or liquids.

### Uses

Users will either swallow, snort, inject or smoke this product.

### Signs and Symptoms

Severe paranoia	Difficulty breathing
Hallucinations	Self-mutilation
Chest Pain	Increased blood pressure
Seizures	Teeth grinding
Decreased need for sleep	Poor short-term memory
Lack of appetite	Panic attacks

Users may also suffer from violent and aggressive behavior and serious health problems such as liver or kidney failure.

### Chemicals

This product can contain one of many “designer drugs” such as methylenedioxypyrovalerone (MDPV) or mephedrone.

## *Synthetic Cannabinoids (Herbal Incense)*

### Street Names

This Black Mamba, Blaze, Bombay Blue, Chronic Spice, G-Four, K2, Mr. Nice Guy, Skunk, Sky High, Spice and others.

### Packaging

This Synthetic Marijuana (Herbal Incense) usually is sold in 2”x3” foil wrappers in a variety of colors or in zip lock bags.

### Uses

Users will smoke this product.

### Signs and Symptoms

Insomnia	Hallucinations
Delusions	Paranoia
Increased blood pressure	Nausea
Increased heart rate	Vomiting
Loss of consciousness	Anxiety
Severe agitation	Muscle Spasms
Seizures	Tremors

Users may also suffer from severe agitation, psychotic episodes, and suicidal thoughts or actions.

### Chemicals

This product is made of dried herbs and plants that are sprayed with lab-created chemicals that behave like marijuana.

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## *Synthetic Heroin (Krokodil)*

This product is made from codeine using toxic chemicals such as paint thinner and hydrochloric acid, which often remain as part of the final product. The name “krokodil” comes from the skin effects this drug combination produces, including green, scaly skin, rotting flesh, and infections at the injection site. An intense, short-lived “high” similar to that produced by heroin is reported.

## *MDMA (Molly)*

This drug is sold in the form of a white powder or pill and is often referred to as “pure” ecstasy. MDMA causes users to feel euphoric, energetic and uninhibited, making it a popular drug at concerts and clubs. Short-term side effects consist of shortness of breath and increased heart rate. The most dangerous side effect of this drug is high body temperature, causing dehydration and heat stroke.

## *What are Synthetic Drugs?*

Synthetic drugs are chemically created substances that have been designed to behave like drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, and methamphetamine.

These drugs can be divided into two categories based on their chemistry.

1. Cannabinoids: (such as K2 or Spice) These synthetic drugs are intended to have the same effects as marijuana.
2. Cathinones: (such as Bath Salts) These synthetic drugs are intended to behave similarly to cocaine or meth.

Synthetic drugs can often be found at tobacco shops, convenience stores, and online sites. The packaging may be marked as “incense,” “not for human consumption,” “bath salts” or “plant food”.

## *Why are Synthetic Drugs Dangerous?*

Many of these drugs are unregulated and do not have a recommended safe dose. Users are not aware of what chemicals they are ingesting, inhaling, injecting or snorting, nor do they understand how the drugs will affect their brain and body. These drugs have not been tested for safety and are not manufactured with the same level of quality control as prescription drugs.

The State and Federal governments have taken steps to ban these substances. However, the illicit chemists are often one step ahead of the law by creating new versions when the old ones become illegal.

## *What to do for intoxication?*

Call the Poison Center at : 1-800-222-1222. We have experts waiting to answer your calls. Our physicians, toxicologists, registered nurses, and registered pharmacists will help you decide whether someone can be treated at home, or whether he or she should go to the hospital. Dial 9-1-1 immediately if someone has stopped breathing, collapsed, or has a seizure.

