

# DANGEROUS SIDE EFFECTS

CHEMICALS IN SYNTHETIC DRUGS FREQUENTLY CHANGE AND SO CAN YOUR BODY'S RESPONSE.

## REPORTED SIDE EFFECTS INCLUDE:

- NAUSEA AND VOMITING
- INCREASED HEART RATE AND CHEST PAIN
- KIDNEY DAMAGE OF FAILURE
- SEVERE AGITATION AND ANXIETY
- HALLUCINATIONS AND PSYCHOTIC EPISODES
- DEATH

# BASICALLY... THEY'RE POISON

IN 2012 POISON CONTROL CENTERS RECEIVED OVER 3,600 CALLS RELATED TO SYNTHETIC DRUG EXPOSURE.

THROUGH MAY 2014 ALONE, CENTERS HAVE RECEIVED OVER 1,381 CALLS.



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# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SYNTHETIC DRUGS




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# IT'S SIMPLE... SYNTHETIC DRUGS KILL.

## "WHAT ARE SYNTHETIC DRUGS?"



SYNTHETICS ARE CHEMICALS WHICH MIMIC THE EFFECTS OF OTHER DRUGS SUCH AS MARIJUANA, HEROIN, AND LSD BUT ARE MORE POWERFUL AND ADDICTIVE.

## "HOW DO I RECOGNIZE SYNTHETIC DRUGS?"

COMMON NAMES FOR SYNTHETIC DRUGS CHANGE, BUT THEY OFTEN COME IN COLORFULLY LABELED BAGS WITH THE WARNING, "NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION".

## "BUT I'VE TAKEN SYNTHETIC DRUGS BEFORE, AND I'M STILL ALIVE."

USING SYNTHETIC DRUGS IS EXPERIMENTING ON YOURSELF. SINCE CHEMICALS CHANGE, YOU CAN BE TAKING A NEW DRUG WITHOUT REALIZING IT.

## SYNTHETICS ARE ILLEGAL

THE STATE OF INDIANA HAS SEVERAL LAWS SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO THE POSSESSION AND SALE OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS.

- POSSESSION OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS IS ILLEGAL.
- DEALING IN SYNTHETICS OR PARAPHERNALIA USED TO CONSUME THESE DRUGS IS ILLEGAL.
- SYNTHETICS WHICH "LOOKALIKE" OTHER DRUGS ARE ILLEGAL.

## SYNTHETICS AND CRIME

SYNTHETICS AND ADDICTION TO THESE DRUGS HAVE BEEN LINKED TO THE COMMISSION OF OTHER CRIMES INCLUDING:

- OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED
- THEFT
- BURGLARY
- ROBBERY
- CHILD NEGLECT
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
- MURDER



## SYNTHETIC ADDICTION IS REAL

- AMONG 12TH GRADERS, SYNTHETICS ARE THE SECOND MOST ABUSED DRUG, AFTER MARIJUANA.
- ACCORDING TO A 2013 STUDY 7.4% OF 10TH GRADERS AND 7.9% OF 12TH GRADERS ADMITTED USING SPICE LAST YEAR.
- MEDICAL STUDIES HAVE RECORDED INSTANCES OF ADDICTION AND WITHDRAWAL.



## TREATMENT IS AVAILABLE

IT IS POSSIBLE TO RECLAIM YOUR LIFE FROM THE INFLUENCE OF ADDICTION. LOCAL FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- ADDICTION RECOVERY CENTER
- BASHOR CHILDREN'S HOME
- OAKLAWN PSYCHIATRIC CENTER