

DANGEROUS SIDE EFFECTS

CHEMICALS IN SYNTHETIC DRUGS FREQUENTLY CHANGE AND SO CAN YOUR BODY'S RESPONSE. REPORTED SIDE EFFECTS INCLUDE:

- PROFUSE SWEATING
- INCOHERENT SPEECH
- NAUSEA AND VOMITING
- INCREASED HEART RATE AND CHEST PAIN
- KIDNEY DAMAGE OR FAILURE
- SEVERE AGITATION AND ANXIETY
- HALLUCINATIONS AND PSYCHOTIC EPISODES
- DEATH

OVERDOSES AND SIDE EFFECTS OF SYNTHETIC DRUG CONSUMPTION CAN BE LIFE THREATENING SO, IT IS IMPORTANT TO SEEK TIMELY MEDICAL CARE FOR AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS.



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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 OFTEN MORE POWERFUL AND ADDICTIVE.

SYNTHETICS IN THE HOME

- **BEHAVIORAL CHANGES:** USERS MAY ENGAGE IN SECRETIVE ACTIVITY TO HIDE THEIR ADDICTION AND EXHIBIT ERRATIC OR VIOLENT BEHAVIOR WHEN UNDER THE INFLUENCE.
- **PARAPHERNALIA:** THE PRESENCE OF BONGS, CIGARS, OR ROLLING PAPERS ARE COMMON INDICATORS OF YOUTH DRUG CONSUMPTION.
- **SYNTHETIC DRUGS ARE ILLEGAL:** WHETHER THEY ARE PURCHASED FROM A FRIEND OF A BUSINESS, POSSESSION AND SALE OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS AND LOOKALIKE SUBSTANCES IS ILLEGAL IN INDIANA.

"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".

SPICE OFTEN LOOKS SIMILAR TO MARIJUANA, INCENSE, OR POTPOURRI.

OTHER SYNTHETIC DRUGS COME IN THE FORM OF PILLS OR POWDER.

"WHAT ARE COMMON NAMES?"

- "FAKE" OR "FAKE WEED"
- "LEGAL"
- 7H
- IBLOWN
- GORILLA GOLD
- SCOOBY SNAX
- EXTREME
- HYDRA
- DIABLO
- SMILES



YOUTH AND SYNTHETICS

- 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 IN THE LAST YEAR.
- ACCORDING TO STATISTICS REPORTED BY POISON CONTROL CENTERS, 60% OF SYNTHETIC DRUG CASES INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 25.



TREATMENT IS AVAILABLE

ADDICTION TO SYNTHETIC DRUGS IS REAL AND MAY REQUIRE PROFESSIONAL INTERVENTION. LOCAL FACILITIES INCLUDE:

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