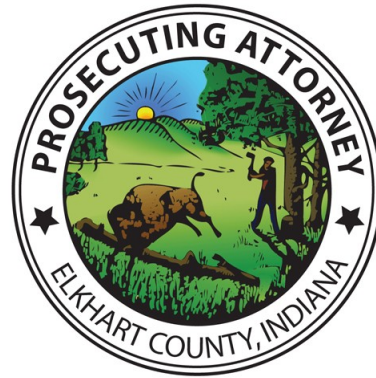


DANGEROUS SIDE EFFECTS

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?"

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

SYNTHETICS IN SCHOOLS

- STUDENTS CONSUMING SYNTHETIC DRUGS LIKE SPICE WILL OFTEN POSSESS PARAPHERNALIA COMMON TO MARIJUANA OR TOBACCO USERS INCLUDING BONGS OR FLAVORED ROLLING PAPER.
- SOME COMMON SYMPTOMS OF SYNTHETIC DRUG USE IN STUDENTS INCLUDE: A FLUSHED FACE AND INCREASED HEART RATE, AND A VACANT, DISSOCIATIVE STARE, ALONG WITH A CHEMICAL SMELL.

"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.

SOME USERS MIX SYNTHETIC DRUGS WITH MARIJUANA AND CONSUME THEM TOGETHER.

"WHAT ARE COMMON NAMES?"

- "FAKE" OR "FAKE WEED"
- "LEGAL"
- 7H
- IBLOWN
- GORILLA GOLD
- SCOOBY SNAX
- EXTREME
- SMILES
- BATH SALTS



SYNTHETICS AND STUDENTS

- 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.



- STUDENTS SURVEYED IN 8TH, 10TH, AND 12TH GRADES PERCEIVED A LOW LEVEL OF RISK FOR EXPERIMENTAL USE (BETWEEN 24% -26%)
- WITH THEIR RELATIVELY EASY ACCESSIBILITY, MANY STUDENTS UNDERESTIMATE THE RISK OF USING SYNTHETIC DRUGS.