What are synthetic hallucinogens?

Synthetic hallucinogens mimic the effects of drugs like mescaline or LSD. As of July 2012, legislation was passed making it illegal to possess or sell.

What do they look like?

Synthetic hallucinogens are usually in a powder, crystalline or pill form; however, it can also be found dissolved and placed on stamp or blotter paper.

How dangerous are they?

Due to the strength of this substance, the possibility of overdose is extremely high. The hallucinogenic effects have resulted in multiple deaths due to the users inability to separate fantasy from reality.

How are they used?

Synthetic hallucinogens are commonly smoked, dissolved in water, or swallowed in pill form, and less commonly injected or snorted.

What are the effects of using synthetic hallucinogens?

- Muscle tension and rigidity
- High blood pressure
- Severe hallucinations
- Hyperthermia
- Kidney Failure
- Nausea
- Death



These products are often labeled and sold as:

- Lady bug repellent
- Shoe deodorizer
- Glass cleaner
- Plant food
- Herbal incense
- Energy enhancer
- Potpourri
- Jewelry cleaner
- Fertilizer
- Decorative sand
- Toilet cleaner
- Bath salts



Identifying synthetic drug products

- Labeled: "**Not intended for human consumption**" and/or "**100% LEGAL**".
- Pricing will be significantly higher than normal pricing for contents indicated on the label (i.e. real glass cleaner does not cost $30 for one gram of powder).
- Wrapped in a trendy decorative foil wrapper or lip balm-like container.
- Usually sold by the gram.



For more information about these drugs, visit:

www.k2drugfacts.com

www.drugs.com/bath-salts.html

www.justice.gov/dea/index.shtml



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Synthetic Drugs

What are “synthetic drugs”?

The synthetic drugs referred to in this brochure are substances made to mimic the effects of marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, mescaline, or LSD.

Are “synthetic drugs” illegal?

There are laws banning the sale of these products, but these laws often contain loopholes making it possible to legally possess them.

Can they be detected on a standard drug test?

NO! Specialized tests are needed to detect the synthetic chemicals found in these products.

What kind of synthetic drugs are out there?

The three main synthetic drugs are:

- Cannabinoids (synthetic marijuana - “Spice”)
- Cathinones (synthetic methamphetamine - “bath salts”)
- Phenethylamine (synthetic hallucinogens - “2C-I”)

What do these synthetic drugs look like?

- These products are often sold in decorative foil packaging, glass vials, zip lock baggies or lip balm-like containers.
- Synthetic marijuana looks very similar to marijuana in color and texture.
- “Bath salts” may be in a powder or crystal form.
- Synthetic hallucinogens may be in a pill, liquid, or powder form.



Where are these products available?

- These products are commonly found in smoke shops, but may also be found in liquor stores, gas stations and on the internet.
- There is no age limit on who can purchase these products.
- These products are often marketed toward youth and placed next to candy.
- These products are sold for as little as $9 for synthetic marijuana and $30 for “bath salts”.

What is synthetic marijuana?

Synthetic marijuana - or “fake” marijuana - is a mixture of plants or herbs sprayed with a mixture of chemicals known as synthetic cannabinoids.

What are synthetic cannabinoids?

Synthetic cannabinoids are analogs to the naturally occurring chemical produced in marijuana (tetrahydrocannabinol - THC).

Is synthetic marijuana dangerous?

Synthetic marijuana can be 50 to 500 times stronger than marijuana. One time use has caused severe health effects and death.

How is synthetic marijuana used?

Synthetic marijuana is commonly smoked in pipes, bongs, joints, or sometimes consumed in tea.

What are the effects of using synthetic marijuana?

- Increased heart rate, cardiac arrest
- Increased blood pressure
- Severe hallucinations
- Panic attacks
- Paranoia
- Seizures
- Death



What are “bath salts”?

The “bath salts” referred to in this brochure are synthetic cathinones designed to replicate the effects of methamphetamine, MDMA, and cocaine.

How are “bath salts” used?

“Bath salts” are most commonly snorted or swallowed in capsules or pills. They may also be intravenously injected, smoked, used in suppositories, or dissolved into and swallowed with water.



What are the effects of using “bath salts”?

- Extreme agitation with violent behavior
- Extremely high body temperatures
- Recurring suicidal thoughts
- Paranoia and delirium
- Severe hallucinations
- Seizures and tremors
- Extreme insomnia
- PCP like strength
- Kidney failure

