



Synthetic Marijuana (Legal Phunk, Spice/K2)

What is Synthetic Marijuana? Synthetic Marijuana is a man made drug that is not marijuana. It was invented to act like marijuana however it is more powerful and more dangerous than marijuana. This fake marijuana, often called Spice, K2 or Legal Phunk, is sprayed on real plant products, like leaves, and sold as incense or potpourri. It is usually smoked, but can be eaten too. When used, it can be very dangerous. Other names for this include Lava Red, Aroma, Dream, Mr. Nice Guy, and many more.

Beware of name changes as they are changed often as is the chemical make-up.

Where is K2/Spice (synthetic marijuana) sold?

K2/Spice can be bought very easily on the internet. They can also be found in head shops, smoke shops, convenience stores and some gas stations. Government officials are trying to make them illegal but as of yet they remain legal.

Why is K2/Spice (synthetic marijuana) sold if they are drugs and harmful?

K2/Spice are sold in a way that outsmarts state and local regulations by stating on the package that they are "not for human consumption." Because of this, it is very difficult to regulate and track. It is cheap, easy to purchase, sold as fake (synthetic) marijuana that doesn't show up on standard drug tests.

How does K2/Spice (synthetic marijuana) affect you?

People who use K2/Spice or any other synthetic marijuana experience:

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| Fast heart rate | Convulsions (seizures) |
| Seeing things (hallucinations) | Weakness |
| Dry mouth | Passing out (coma) |



Death has resulted in some cases!

What happens to the people who use K2/Spice (synthetic marijuana)?

When people use K2/Spice (synthetic marijuana), they can have heart attacks, brain damage, kidney failure and scary hallucinations (seeing things) that last for many days.

Who uses K2/Spice (synthetic marijuana)?

In 2011, there were almost 7000 cases called to the US Poison Centers. In 2010 there were 3000 calls. The Upstate NY Poison Center received approximately 180 exposure calls in 2011. Since January 1, 2012, we have received approximately 85 exposure calls. K2/Spice (synthetic marijuana) are used by all people, regardless of age, gender, or status

Bottom Line: K2/Spice (synthetic marijuana) is very easy to get. It is very dangerous, and can lead to heart attacks, brain damage, kidney failure and scary images/hallucinations.

Talk to your family members, children, parents, and health care providers about these synthetic marijuana

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