

Dangers of Synthetic Drugs

Synthetic Drugs are chemically-created in a lab to mimic another drug. These typically have a different effect on the brain or behavior. Because these drugs are created in illegal labs, their ingredients are impossible to know.

COMMON TYPES

Synthetic Cannabinoids

- Also known as "Spice" or "K2," these substances are designed to mimic the effects of cannabis.

Synthetic Cathinones

- Also referred to as "bath salts," these substances are created to mimic the effects of stimulant drugs like amphetamines or cocaine.

Synthetic Hallucinogens

- These substances are created to mimic the effects of hallucinogenic drugs such as LSD or psilocybin mushrooms.

Other Synthetic Drugs

- There are various other synthetic drugs on the market, such as synthetic opioids including Fentanyl, and other synthetic stimulants.



SIDE EFFECTS OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS

- Hallucinations
- Paranoia
- Psychosis
- Excited delirium
- Anxiety & panic attacks
- Tremors
- Seizures & convulsions
- Temporary paralysis
- Increased agitation & aggression
- Difficulty breathing
- Kidney failure
- Death
- Decreased inhibitions
- Increased heart rate, blood pressure & heart attack
- Increased body temperature & excessive sweating

Recovery is possible!

For resources, visit the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) website at www.dea.gov/recovery-resources

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