

SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA

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the place to turn



Top: Synthetic marijuana packaging
(source: Drug Enforcement Agency)

Lower: Loose synthetic marijuana leaves

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF USE

Anxiety, confusion, paranoia, missing money, a sudden change in appearance and/or attitude, unexplained absences, change in friends

SHORT AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS

Short-term: anxiety, paranoia, intense hallucinations, feelings of relaxation, increased heart rate, increased blood pressure, vomiting, feeling "high" (euphoria)

Long-term: addiction, tremors, seizures, brain damage

STREET NAMES

Spice, K2, Fake Weed, Yucatan Fire, Skunk, Moon Rocks

HOW IT'S USED

Smoked or prepared in a tea and drunk

WHY IT'S DANGEROUS

Synthetic marijuana is sometimes perceived to be a legal and safe alternative to using marijuana, but it is not. Synthetic marijuana may cause heart failure due to a severe increase in blood pressure and/or heart rate. It may also damage the brain, causing long-term problems with anxiety and muscle control.

For help or information, call NCADA at
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