

BATH SALTS



Top: Close up of bath salts (source: Drug Enforcement Agency)

Center: Typical container for bath salts (source: Drug Enforcement Agency)

Lower: Typical packaging for bath salts (source: Drug Enforcement Agency)

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF USE

Confusion, loss of control, paranoia, nose bleeds, extreme violent behavior, missing money, a sudden change in appearance and/or attitude, unexplained absences, change in friends

SHORT AND LONG-TERM EFFECTS

Short-term: hearing and seeing things that do not exist (hallucinations), increased heart rate, increased blood pressure, violent behavior, increased feelings of euphoria

Long-term: addiction, delusions, seizures, unable to sleep (insomnia), suicidal thoughts, depression

STREET NAMES

Sold under the names Bloom, Ivory Wave, Lunar Wave, Cloud Nine, Vanilla Sky, White Lightning, and Scarface. Also, they are sold with the label "Not for human consumption," "Plant Food," "Jewelry Cleaner," or "Phone Screen Cleaner" printed on the package.

HOW IT'S USED

Snorted, injected, or swallowed

WHY IT'S DANGEROUS

Bath salts are a synthetic drug made in a laboratory. They may cause severe delusions, panic attacks, seizures, and hallucinations which cause those under the influence to place themselves in risky situations causing accidental injury or death. A condition known as "excited delirium," which causes severe dehydration and hallucinations along with a high chance of kidney failure and death, may also occur in people who use bath salts.

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