

# K2/SPICE



## WHAT IS IT?

Synthetic cannabinoids, also known as K2 or Spice, are compounds created in laboratories and mimic delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, the main ingredient in marijuana that produces the psychoactive effect.

## STREET NAMES

Black Magic, Blaze, Crazy Clown, Demon, Dream, Fire, Genie, K2, Mr. Nice Guy, Ninja, Paradise, RedX Dawn, Sence, Serenity, Skunk, Smoke, Spike, Yucatan, and Zohai.

## HOW IS IT USED?

Spraying or mixing the synthetic cannabinoids on plant material, and smoking (using a pipe, a water pipe, or rolling drug-laced plant material in cigarette papers). In addition to the cannabinoids laced in plant material and sold as potpourri and incense, liquid cannabinoids can also be vaporized through electronic cigarettes.



## EFFECTS ON THE BRAIN AND BODY

- Psychological effects include psychotic episodes, hallucinations, agitation, disorganized thoughts, confusion, suicidal thoughts, and paranoia.
- Physical effects include increased heart rate and blood pressure, tremors,

seizures, vomiting, kidney damage, and unconsciousness.

- Regular users of the drug may experience dependence and withdrawal.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Synthetic cannabinoid products are often labeled “not for human consumption.” Labels often claim they contain natural material taken from a variety of plants. However, the only parts of these products that are natural are the dried plant materials. Chemical tests show that the active, mind-altering ingredients are cannabinoid compounds made in laboratories. Manufacturers sell these products in colorful foil packages and plastic bottles to attract customers.

Source: [www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/synthetic-cannabinoids-k2spice](http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/synthetic-cannabinoids-k2spice)



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