

Spice (Synthetic Cannabinoid or K2)



WARNING: Spice use can lead to severe illness and even death

1. What is Spice (also called synthetic cannabinoid or K2)?

Synthetic (man-made) Spice is a drug that is usually sprayed on dried plants, like oregano or basil. It's sold in a solid form that can be smoked, or in a liquid form that can be turned into vapor. Spice is sometimes called "synthetic marijuana", because the chemicals in Spice are similar to marijuana plants. Spice is also incorrectly labelled as a "safe" or "natural" alternative to marijuana, but it usually has no real marijuana. The only natural parts of this drug are the dried plants. Spice is more powerful than the ingredients in marijuana and is dangerous to use.



2. What are the effects of taking Spice?

Spice affects people in many ways. These effects include:

- Death
- Change in behavior
- Fainting
- Extreme anxiety (nervousness)
- Moodiness
- High blood pressure
- Heart beating too fast or too slow
- Nausea (feeling sick)
- Vomiting
- Seizures

3. Why is Spice dangerous?

Spice can have unknown, poisonous chemicals in it that cause dangerous health effects. Spice is often sold as an "herbal" product in colorful packages that are attractive to youth. Spice is a newer man-made drug and you can never be sure that it's safe.

4. How can I prevent Spice poisoning?

You shouldn't use Spice because the chemicals in it are always changing. Spice may also lead to severe and life-threatening health effects.

5. How does Spice vapor (smoke) affect people nearby?

Spice vapor or smoke can also be harmful to those near someone who is using Spice. Breathing in the Spice vapor or smoke can lead to negative health effects for those nearby.

6. How is Spice treated?

There is no specific treatment available for Spice poisoning. If you are having side effects of Spice poisoning, contact a health care provider right away to prevent serious side effects or death.

For More Information:

California Poison Control 1-800-222-1222 <http://www.calpoison.org>

