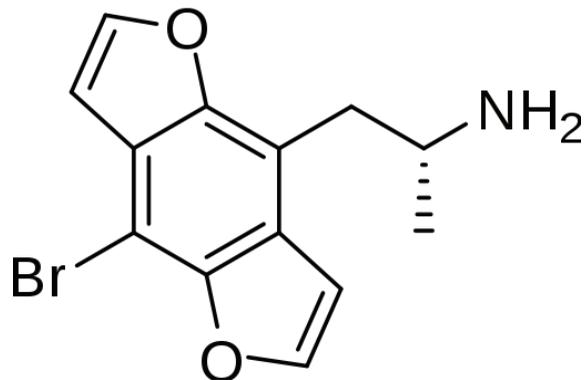


A DEADLY NEW DRUG

Bromo-dragonfly is a synthetic drug that was developed near the beginning of the 2000's in a chemist's laboratory. It is very similar in composition to several other illegal synthetic drugs. Because it is so new and has not been thoroughly studied, bromo-dragonfly is not yet on the controlled list. Assuming that this "legal" drug is safe to use because it may not carry the threat of legal prosecution is a very dangerous, potentially life-ending mistake. As scientists learn more about this drug, they become increasingly alarmed at its excessively powerful effects and the violent nature of the known fatalities so far. Five countries have already taken the action of adding this synthetic compound to their lists of illegal substances, and it is likely that the United States will follow.

Bromo-dragonfly does not exist naturally. It is lab-created through an extremely complex process, and there is a significant danger of accidental tainting, making the drug even more dangerous to users. At least one account exists of a batch of this drug being mislabeled as a similar but less potent hallucinogen. This mislabeling led to the death of a young man in San Jose, CA as well as the owner of the Danish company that created the batch.

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WHAT IS DRAGONFLY?

As with most synthesized drugs, bromo-dragonfly is composed of a number of chemicals, fused together through a long and complicated process. The name "dragonfly" comes from the fact that the diagram of the finished chemical structure resembles a dragonfly. It is classified as a non-ergoline psychedelic, a member of the group of drugs known as phenethylamine. It is often compared to LSD.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Nearly all synthetic drugs are in the form of a white powder, although impurities can alter the color slightly. This means that it is impossible to visually differentiate between bromo-dragonfly and other similar drugs, and those who use them are forced to rely on labeling by the manufacturer. If the label is not correct, the resulting misuse of the drug is likely to lead to devastating consequences.

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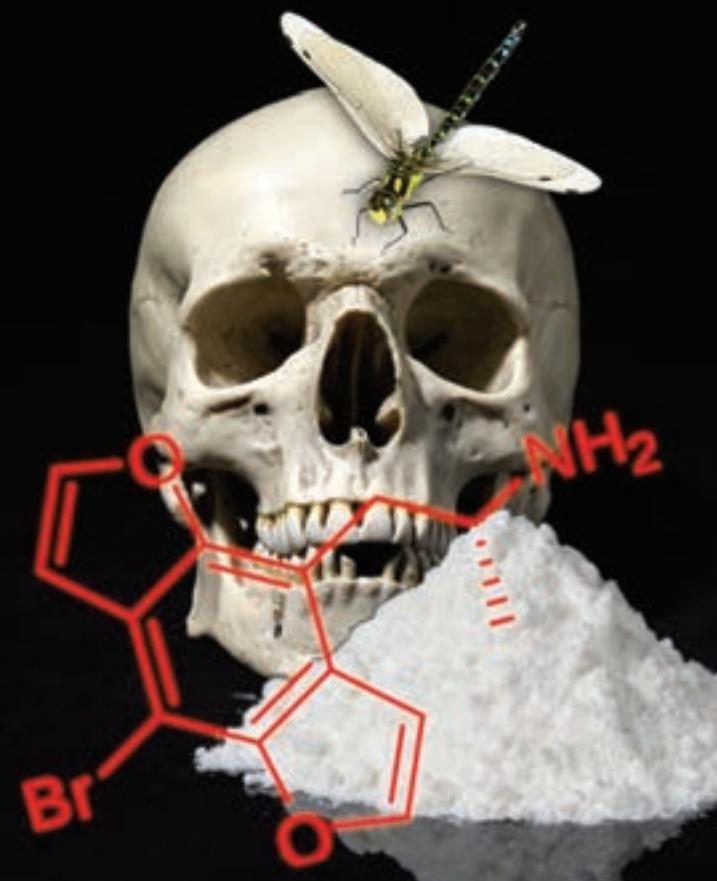
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WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF DRAGONFLY?

Bromo-dragonfly carries many very powerful effects, both psychedelic and physical.

Psychedelic Effects

After about six hours, a normal dose of bromo-dragonfly causes the user to experience intense hallucinations, stimulation, and unpredictable swings between lucidity and hallucination. Users describe the experience as terrifying, unpleasant, and grueling on the mind. The effects last a very long time, up to three days with a strong dose. The obvious toll that such a long, intense trip takes on the mind and body is just one part of the danger of using this substance recreationally.

Physical Effects

One of the “side effects” of bromo-dragonfly is constriction of the blood vessels, especially in the extremities. There is at least one record of finger and toe amputation being needed after use, and it is a strong indication that this drug causes permanent damage to the body in ways that are not yet understood. Respiratory, liver, and kidney problems have also been undeniably tied to use. At least five fatalities are reported, two of them due to the accidental taking of bromo-dragonfly mislabeled as something else.



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seizures, vomiting, bleeding



The reports of these deaths are disturbing, with observers describing seizures, vomiting, bleeding, and intense hallucinations on the part of the victims before death.

RESEARCH

Scientists are still studying this drug to determine how best to address its threat. There are a number of similar compounds that are already included on the FDA's list of controlled substances, and it is likely that bromo-dragonfly will be treated the same way once it has been fully researched. Following several disturbing incidents in the Scandinavian region, the governments of Sweden, Denmark, and Norway classified the drug as a health risk and banned its production, sale, or use.

ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS DRUGS

One drug prevention expert calls bromo-dragonfly “one of the more dangerous drugs out there.” The unbelievable potency of this synthetic compound, the physical damage associated with its use, and the lack of laboratory research conducted so far make the use of bromo-dragonfly a truly life-threatening decision.

As a final warning, consider this firsthand description of the bromo-dragonfly experience, related by the sister of the San Jose man who lost his life while using the drug:

“I knew something was wrong, when I started to feel the intensity...I was expecting it to recede but it kept getting more intense and that is when reality went completely away.

Next thing I know, I wake up in a hospital. Completely wired up to health monitoring machines and a catheter. I was still having some visuals, but very minor. I could tell they had given me some sort of sedative because I felt foggy. I kept falling asleep and waking up. Then I overheard the nurses and a police officer talking. It was about three people. One of them had died. I was hoping it was not about me, John, and Brian. It was only hours later that I found out that they were.”

Don't allow yourself to be tricked into thinking that a psychedelic experience achieved through taking bromo-dragonfly is safe, enjoyable, or fun. It is a dangerous mistake that has already ended a number of promising lives and permanently damaged many more.

Remember: Legal does not mean SAFE!

a dangerous mistake

HOW IS IT TAKEN?

Bromo-dragonfly is often sold as blotters, small paper sheets that have been dipped in a solution to saturate them with a dose of the drug. It may also be snorted in its original white powder form.

HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

Many of the most devastating health effects reported in connection with bromo-dragonfly are the results of accidentally overdosing. The normal dose is less than one milligram, an amount that is extremely difficult to measure accurately using household equipment. A dose in excess of one milligram is highly likely to cause powerful physical and mental side effects.

One especially dangerous feature of bromo-dragonfly is the fact that six hours can pass before it begins to take effect. Some people, after feeling no effects a few hours after taking a normal dose, assume that the dose was too small and take a disastrous second dose.

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