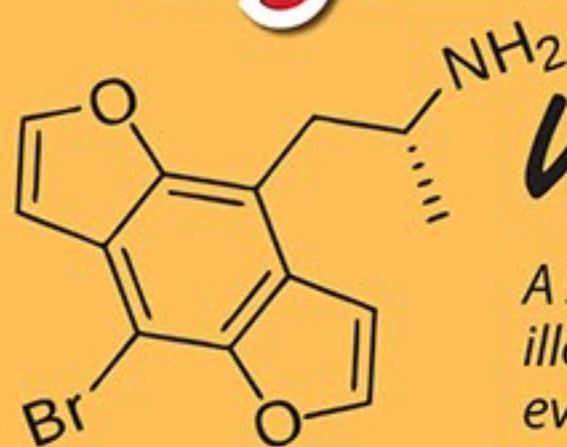


# IN THE KNOW: Synthetic Drugs



## What are Synthetic Drugs?

A synthetic drug is a chemical with similar properties to a known illegal drug that has a slightly altered structure and is created to evade restrictions against illegal substances.

### LIES, LIES, LIES



**LIE:** Synthetic Drugs aren't as dangerous, because they aren't banned.

Just cause the government hasn't banned them, doesn't mean they are safe.

**LIE:** Synthetic Drugs are safer than the illegal drugs they mimic.

The chemicals and potency vary with each batch. Effects are unknown until it's too late.



### TYPES OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS

There are literally hundreds of synthetic drugs, and new ones are created each day. Here are some of the more commonly known ones:

- Mephedrone
- Synthetic Cocaine
- Synthetic Marijuana
- Desomorphine
- Bromo Dragonfly
- Molly
- Smiles
- Yaba
- 2C-B



### PHYSICAL EFFECTS

- RAPID HEART RATE
- HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE
- MUSCULAR ATROPHY
- AMPUTATIONS
- COMA
- BRAIN DAMAGE
- HEART ATTACK
- STROKE
- DEATH

### PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS

- EUPHORIA
- DEPRESSION
- AGGRESSION
- ANXIETY
- PARANOIA
- HALLUCINATIONS
- PSYCHOTIC EPISODES
- DISASSOCIATION FROM REALITY

### UNTESTED!

These chemicals are not researched. Using them makes YOU the test subject.



### UNSAFE!

Synthetic drugs are risky. You never know what you're getting or how strong it is.

### What is Spice?

Spice is a type of Synthetic Marijuana.

- Smoked, may be Ingested
- Mimics the effects of marijuana
- Usually sold as potpourri or herbal supplements
- Use has resulted in psychosis, poisoning and death



### What are Bath Salts?

Bath Salts are a type of Synthetic Cocaine.

- Snorted, Injected or Ingested
- Stimulant effect similar to cocaine
- Causes extreme mental breakdowns that result in arrests, hospitalizations and death

### GETTING HELP

There are treatment options available for synthetic drugs users. Talk to a counselor or doctor to get help with your addiction.



# Don't Be a Guinea Pig!