

SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA

Frequently sold as incense or potpourri, **synthetic marijuana** is a designer drug in which plant material has been **sprayed with chemicals** that are similar to the active ingredient in marijuana, THC. Synthetic marijuana is not safe to use. **It's a dangerous substance** that can have **deadly side effects**.

11% of high school seniors report using synthetic marijuana in the past year.

WHAT DOES SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA LOOK LIKE?



- ✦ It usually comes in small foil bags.
- ✦ Packaging includes a warning that it's "Not Fit for Human Consumption."
- ✦ The drug itself resembles dried leaves, herbs, or potpourri.

STREET NAMES

HOW IS IT USED?

Synthetic marijuana can be:

- ✦ Smoked in joints or pipes
- ✦ Made into a tea



Synthetic cannabinoid use results in over 25,000 emergency department visits every year.



WHAT'S IN SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA? WHO KNOWS!

No one regulates or tests these drugs to see if they are safe. People who smoke fake weed turn themselves into Guinea Pigs.



Each year, synthetic pot use leads to over **2600** calls to poison control centers.



FAKE WEED IS UNTESTED, UNKNOWN, UNSAFE!

INGREDIENTS AND POTENCY

VARY FROM BATCH TO BATCH,

RAISING THE RISK OF

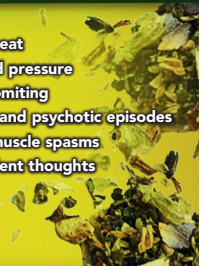
LIFE THREATENING EFFECTS.

FAKE WEED IS ALSO POTENTIALLY

ADDICTIVE!

SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA EFFECTS

- ✦ Agitation
- ✦ Racing heart beat
- ✦ Elevated blood pressure
- ✦ Nausea and vomiting
- ✦ Hallucinations and psychotic episodes
- ✦ Seizures and muscle spasms
- ✦ Suicidal or violent thoughts
- ✦ Lung cancer
- ✦ Strokes
- ✦ Heart attack



FAKE WEED MYTHS

- ✦ Synthetic marijuana is **not** marijuana.
- ✦ It's **not** a natural product.
- ✦ It's **not** safer than marijuana.
- ✦ It may be up to **100 times more potent** than marijuana.
- ✦ Many drug tests can now detect synthetic pot.



Synthetic cannabinoids were made illegal in 2012. Unethical chemists keep creating new "legal" formulas. These new products are sold legally until law enforcement can catch up, making the new formula illegal. And the cycle starts again. Here's the scary part...

No one knows what they're making, selling, or taking!

FAKE WEED - REAL DANGERS, REAL DEADLY