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# SYNTHETIC DRUGS

Synthetic drugs, such as synthetic marijuana (K2 and spice) and bath salts, are made using man-made chemicals. The chemical make-up of these substances is changed frequently making their content and effects unpredictable.

They are often sold online, or at convenience stores and gas stations. They are labeled "not for human consumption."

**These products are extremely dangerous. Users experience:**

- rapid heart rate
- nausea
- vomiting
- excessive sweating
- agitation
- confusion
- hallucinations
- extreme paranoia
- seizures
- kidney and respiratory problems
- suicidal or other dangerous thoughts

### What can parents do?

- Talk to your teens about the dangers of synthetic drugs
- Set clear expectations that you **NEVER** want them to use this drug or any others.
- Avoid statements like, "I would rather you smoke traditional marijuana."
- Be aware of dried herb residue or foil pouches left in your child's room or car.

**More Information:** Synthetic Drugs (K2, Spice, Bath Salts, etc.)  
<https://goo.gl/Rv6RpH>

DrugFacts: Synthetic Cathinones ("Bath Salts")  
<https://goo.gl/5p7fAf>