

The reality of synthetic drugs:

What you need to know



COMMON TYPES



Fentanyl

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is used in medical settings to treat severe pain and has a high potential for abuse. When sold illegally, Fentanyl is often mixed with heroin and other substances, carrying a high risk for overdose and death.



Synthetic Cannabinoids

Also known as “Spice” or “K2”, these substances are designed to mimic the effects of cannabis.



Synthetic Cathinones

Also called “bath salts,” these substances are created to mimic the effects of stimulant drugs like amphetamines or cocaine.



Synthetic Hallucinogens

These substances are created to mimic the effects of hallucinogenic drugs such as LSD or psilocybin mushrooms.



WHAT ARE SYNTHETIC DRUGS?

Synthetic Drugs are chemically created in a lab to mimic another drug. These typically have a different effect on the brain or behavior. Because these drugs are often created in illegal labs, their ingredients are impossible to know and carry a high risk of overdose and death.



SIDE EFFECTS

- Hallucinations
- Paranoia
- Psychosis
- Excited delirium
- Anxiety & panic attacks
- Tremors
- Seizures & convulsions
- Temporary paralysis
- Agitation
- Aggression
- Temporary paralysis
- Difficulty breathing
- Kidney failure
- Death
- Decreased inhibitions
- Increased heart rate
- Increased blood pressure
- Heart attack
- Increased body temperature



WHERE TO GET HELP

Recovery is possible! Connect with Santa Clara County Substance Use Treatment Services:
Call: (800) 704-0900
Website: bhsd.sccgov.org/programs-services/substance-use-services



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