

If it is illegal, why is it still sold in stores?

- 15 of the most common chemicals in K2 / Spice are banned by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- Makers of this substance have created new formulas that are technically legal as long as they are not labeled for human consumption.
- The labels of K2 / Spice help the makers get around the law.

What to expect when cutting back or quitting:

- Your doctor or behavioral health specialist can help you set up a plan.
- Change takes time.
- You will need support.
- You may have some withdrawal symptoms.
- Contact your doctor if you have any medical concerns.

vitalalabama.com



Engagement • Collaboration • Education

Visit us at vitalalabama.com

Follow us!



#vitalalabama



Because WE CARE, we ask EVERYONE

SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA (K2 / SPICE)



Synthetic Marijuana



- Synthetic marijuana, also called K2 or Spice, is made using chemicals created in the lab.
- The chemical is sprayed onto dried plants or herbs to make it look like marijuana. It is often artificially colored and flavored. It is also sold in a liquid form.
- K2/Spice is sold illegally in gas stations, tobacco shops or online as a potpourri or incense, with names like *Blaze* or *Mad Hatter*. It is labeled as “not for human consumption.”

Labels can lie.

- Those who make and sell K2/Spice intend for users to smoke it.
- There is no safe dose or brand of K2/Spice. Do not be fooled by words like “natural” or “clean.” No one is regulating what is actually in a K2/Spice packet.
- Synthetic marijuana is illegal, even if the packet has a label that says the product is legal.

Effects of Synthetic Marijuana

Brain

- Relaxation
- Altered Perception
- Mood Changes
- Seizures
- Memory Loss
- Confusion
- Suicidal Thoughts/Attempts
- Psychotic Effects: Extreme Anxiety, Paranoia, Panic Attacks
- Hallucinations

Stomach

- Nausea
- Pain
- Vomiting

Other Effects

- Kidney Failure
- Unable to Move Arms and Legs
- Muscle Cramping
- Body Temperature Changes

Mouth

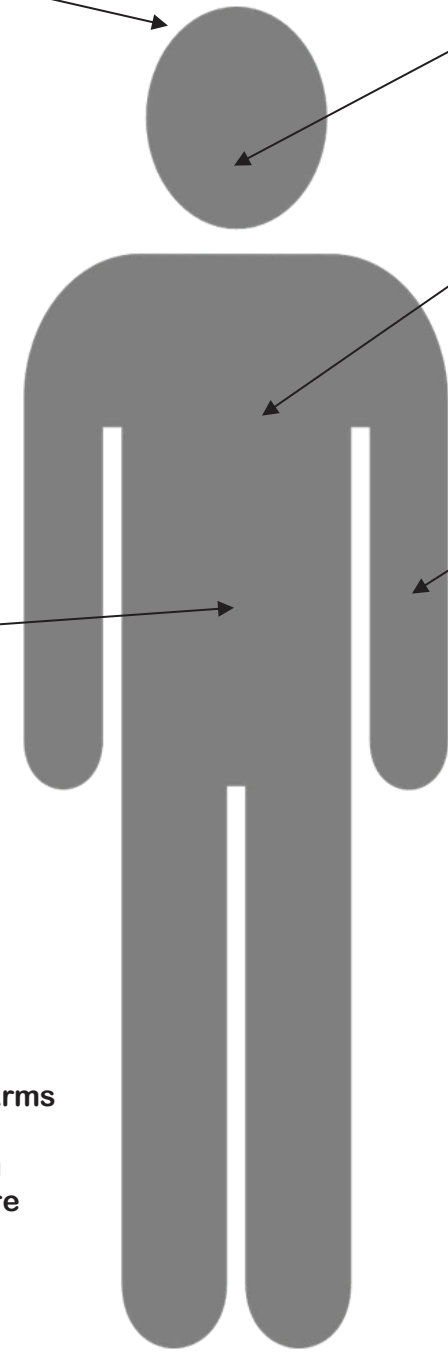
- Inability to Speak
- Dry

Heart

- Racing Heartbeat
- Very High Blood Pressure
- Heart Attack

Skin

- Pale Appearance



CAUTION!

- The effects of K2/Spice are different from person to person. You never know what symptoms you will have.
- Makers of K2/Spice may be adding toxic chemicals to packets, which can cause serious or deadly side effects.
- Each packet of K2/Spice can have different amounts or types of chemicals, even within the same brand.