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First Aid for Poisoning

Poison on the Skin

- Remove contaminated clothing.
- Flood skin with water for 10 minutes, then wash gently with soap and water and rinse.
- Call the MPC

Poison in the Eye:

- Flood eye with luke-warm water from cup, faucet or shower for 15 minutes.
- Call the MPC

Inhaled Poison:

- Get victim to fresh air.
- If possible, open doors and windows.
- Call the MPC

Swallowed Poison:

- Gently wipe out mouth and give a small amount of water.
- Do not make the person vomit
- Call the MPC

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What you need to know about Synthetic Marijuana

Also known as: Spice, K2, fake weed, Bob Marley, Scooby Snax, Incense, Green Giant, Hulk Purple Chronic, Black Diamond, Happy Star, Sky Walker, Skunk, Bizarro, Cloud 9 and others

Appearance: Sold in small plastic or foil packets. The substance inside the packet is a dried, shredded plant material that is sprayed with chemicals that cause the mind-altering effects. It is also available as a liquid for use in e-cigarettes.



How it is used: Usually the leaves are smoked in joints or pipes, but some users make it into tea.

Health effects: Although these products are referred to as “synthetic marijuana”, they are very different from marijuana. The chemicals are not tested for safety and users don’t really know exactly what they are putting into their bodies.

The health effects from synthetic marijuana are more severe and can be life-threatening. Effects can include:

- Severe agitation and anxiety
- Severe drowsiness
- Combination of drowsiness and agitation
- Fast or racing heartbeat and high blood pressure
- Slow heartbeat and low blood pressure
- Heart attack and stroke
- Nausea and vomiting
- Muscle spasms, tremors and seizures
- Intense hallucinations
- Suicidal and other harmful thoughts and/or actions
- Kidney damage

Popularity: These products are marketed as a “legal high”, so they gained popularity quickly. New chemicals are being developed as older ones are declared illegal. From January 1st to May 6th 2015, there have been more than 2,700 exposures reported to poison centers in the U.S. This is almost 4 times the number of calls for the same time period in 2014 and more than the total number of synthetic marijuana calls in all of 2013! For the most up-to-date poison center statistics, go to <http://www.aapcc.org/alerts/synthetic-marijuana/>.

What to do if someone has used synthetic marijuana: Call the poison center at **1-800-222-1222**. Pharmacists and nurses are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer your call. These experts can help you decide if the person can be treated at home or if they need to go to the hospital. *Call 911 right away if the person is not breathing, is unconscious or is having a seizure.*

What to do if you have more questions about synthetic marijuana: Call the poison center at 1-800-222-1222. The poison experts are available for information calls as well. They will have the most up-to-date information about this ever-changing substance.