



What You Should Know About Synthetic Marijuana Also Know As:

K-2 / SPICE

What is synthetic marijuana?

It is a mixture of herbs and spices applied with a synthetic chemical compound (psychotropic drug JWH- 018 and JWH-073) similar to THC, the active ingredient in marijuana.

What are other names for it?

Fake weed, spice, K-2 spice, K-2 summit, Genie, Zohai

What does it do?

It creates a distinct high, very euphoric, and almost mimics the high of marijuana.

What are the symptoms?

- ✓ Hallucinations (can be intense)
- ✓ Severe agitation
- ✓ Vomiting
- ✓ Elevated heart rate (tachycardia- in the range of 110-150 beats/minute)
- ✓ Elevated blood pressure (in the 140-160/100-110 range)
- ✓ Tremors and seizures (central nervous system)
- ✓ Anxiety
- ✓ Numbness and tingling
- ✓ Agitation
- ✓ Pale appearance

What do Parents need to know?

- ✓ Depending on synthetic compounds in the specific commercial brand, K-2 can be anywhere from four times to over 100 times more potent than regular marijuana (THC) and addictive.
- ✓ Sold as incense+marked not for human consumption+in some tobacco shops, head shops, convenience stores, and on the internet.
- ✓ Most often smoked but can be mixed in with food or drink
- ✓ The known chemicals applied to the *potpourri* or *incense* are now federally banned in the United States and are illegal many states, including Michigan.

What Can Parents do?

Set boundaries, monitor activities and stay connected to your kids. Know who their friends are and do not ignore mood and behavior changes. It is very important to talk with your kids about the dangers of substance abuse and to monitor their surroundings. **Specific signs to look for if you suspect that your child may be using K-2/Spice:**

- ✓ Drug paraphernalia or cigarette papers
- ✓ Ashtrays
- ✓ Material or substances that appear to be potpourri or incense
- ✓ Evidence of online purchases of this drug

For emergency overdose concerns:

- ✓ **Call 911**
- ✓ **Poison Control Center toll-free hotline at 1-800-222-1222**

Local places to call for help:

- ✓ **The Kalamazoo County Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Access Center at 373-6000**, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- ✓ **Family & Children Services, Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCR) at 373-6000**, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- ✓ **The Community Healing Centers at 343-1651**
- ✓ **Call 211**, a resource line that is available 24 hours a day for crisis intervention and referral information.



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