

# Synthetic Marijuana Fact Sheet

## What is Synthetic Marijuana?

It is a mixture of plant materials applied, using various methods, with chemical compounds. Compounds include JWH- 018 and JWH- 073, but there are many other compounds used. These compounds are similar to THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, but have varying dangerous side effects.

## What are some other names for it?

Fake Weed, Spice, K2, Thunder, Genie, Etc. There are dozens of different names for Synthetic Marijuana.

## What are the side effects?

Varying from mild to very severe, side effects include:

- Agitation
- Vomiting
- Elevated heart rate
- Elevated blood pressure
- Anxiety
- Numbness and tingling
- Sever agitation
- Hallucinations (some very severe)
- Psychotic Episodes



## It is dangerous?

Synthetic Marijuana is dangerous, unpredictable, and addictive. It was originally created in the 1980's as a research tool but it has never been tested on humans or approved by the FDA. It is 4 to 5 times more potent than regular THC.

## Is it legal?

Many of the chemical compounds used to create Synthetic Marijuana were made illegal through an emergency banning on March 1, 2011. Synthetic Cannabinoids were made Schedule 1 Controlled Substances by the DEA stating it, "necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to the public safety".

## Where can I get more information?

For information on this or other related topics please contact:

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