

Synthetic Cannabis

A new trend among teens is the use of a synthetic cannabis called “K2 or Spice”. Teens seem to be using K2 or Spice because it is not detected by most drug tests, so unless they are caught while under the influence it is virtually undetectable. The problem is that it can sometimes produce adverse reactions such as elevated heart rate and prolonged psychosis. Refer to this Wikipedia page for a more detailed definition.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Synthetic_cannabis

The drug is relatively cheap and easy to access, bought in local head shops or online. It’s packaged as “herbal incense” and sometimes has the warning “not for human consumption” labeled on it. But manufacturers and suppliers know exactly what it is being used for and that they are targeting a certain market.

Hopefully with increased awareness and education of the potential dangers of this drug we can make develop efforts to get it out of the hands of teenagers.

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