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What: Presentation on synthetic drugs and other drugs of abuse

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When: September 25, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

Where: Hurley High School Auditorium  
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# “SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA”

Synthetic Cannabinoids



# “BATH SALTS”

Synthetic Cathinones



## What is “synthetic marijuana”?

With names like Spice, K2, Scooby Snax and hundreds of others, the drugs often called “synthetic marijuana” are – in reality – very different from marijuana. Synthetic marijuana products are typically a plant based material that is sprayed with a chemical compound, synthetic cannabinoids. Like many other illegal drugs, synthetic marijuana is not tested for safety, and users don’t really know exactly what chemicals they are putting into their bodies.

**What’s the big deal?** These substances can be extremely dangerous and the effects can last days and in some cases weeks:

- Increased heart rate and blood pressure
- Increased agitation and anxiety
- Nausea and vomiting
- Seizures
- Hallucinations, disorientation and psychotic episodes
- Suicidal and other harmful thoughts and/or actions.

## What are “bath salts”?

Bath salts are marketed under names such as “Ivory Wave,” “Purple Wave,” “Vanilla Sky” and “Bliss.” These are NOT the bath salts you use in your bath tub. They are synthetic – they contain man made chemicals related to amphetamines that often consist of MDPV, mephedrone, and methyone, also known as substituted cathinones. The drugs mimic the effects of cocaine, LSD, Ecstasy and/or methamphetamine. Bath salts are dangerous and have sparked thousands of calls to poison centers across the U.S.

**Dangers:** Bath salts can be extremely dangerous and users have experienced side effects such as:

- Hallucinations and delusions
- Suicidal thoughts
- Chest pain
- High blood pressure and heart rate
- Paranoia and violent behavior
- Agitation and panic attacks
- Seizures

## Are these drugs popular?

They were marketed as a “legal high” in the past, which caused them to gain popularity quickly. Recent data shows more high school students report using synthetic marijuana than any other substance besides alcohol and marijuana.

**What should I do if I suspect someone has been using bath salts or synthetic marijuana?**

Call 9-1-1 if someone:

- Stops breathing
- Has a seizure
- Collapses

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