

Washington Division

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Synthetic Drugs: Bath Salts and SPICE





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- It is A White or Off-White Powder.





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- It is Typically Snorted, Smoked or Injected.
- It Has Similar Effects As Substances Like Cocaine, Methamphetamine and MDMA (Ecstasy).

Bath Salts

“Good Trips” Bring – A Euphoric Feeling

“Bad Trips” Bring

- Seizures
- Hallucinations
- Chest Pain
- Nosebleeds
- Vomiting
- Dizziness
- Insomnia
- Extreme Paranoia
- Agitation
- Irritability
- Depression
- Delusions
- Panic Attacks
- Suicidal Thoughts

Bath Salts History

- In 2010, Poison Centers Across the U.S. Received 302 Calls Concerning Bath Salts.
- In October of 2011, Poison Centers Fielded 5,625 Bath Salts Calls – 18 Times the Amount of Calls Received in All of 2010.
- Bath Salts Were Brought to the U.S. from Asia (China, India) and Have Also Been Used in Europe.

Bath Salts

The Chemicals Most Often Found in Bath Salts
Are:

➤ Methylendioxyprovalerone (MDPV)

➤ Methylone

➤ Mephedrone

Bath Salts

- It is Typically Sold in 250 to 500mg Packages.
- The Packages are Sold for Approximately \$25 to \$50/Package.
- Some of the Names it is Sold Under Include: “Blizzard”, “Blue Sky”, “Ivory Snow”, “Ivory Wave”, “Ocean Burst”, “Pure Ivory”, “Purple Wave”, “Snow Leopard”, “Vanilla Sky”, “White Knight”, “White Lightning”, “White Girl”, “Tranquility”, “Eight Ballz”, “Zoom”, “NRG”, “1-Shine”.

Bath Salts

- “White Girl” Is Good For Cooking Like “Crack” Cocaine and Smoking Because It Is Coarse.
- “Eight Ballz” Is Also A Good Brand to Cook.
- “Tranquility” Is Better If Smoked In Its Powder Form.
- “NRG” Is Not a Good Brand to Cook, and Most Customers Place It In Their Mouths Because It Tastes Like Vanilla.

Bath Salts



Bath Salts

On October 21, 2011, DEA Temporarily
Placed Mephedrone, MDPV and
Methylone Into Schedule I of the
Controlled Substances Act.

HERBAL INCENSE (SPICE)



SPICE

It is A Mixture of Herbs and Spices (Resembling Potpourri) That Are Sprayed with a Chemical That is Similar to THC (The Psychoactive Ingredient in Marijuana).



SPICE

- It Is Typically Smoked.
- It Is Used in Order to Get a Euphoric Feeling.
- The Adverse Effects Include: Anxiety, Panic Attacks, Paranoia, Agitation, Hallucinations, Seizures, Elevated Blood Pressure.

Spice History

- In November 2008, the Customs and Border Protection Agency First Became Aware that Spice was Infiltrating the U.S. Market.
- Poison Control Centers Nationwide Received Fewer Than 15 Calls Regarding Spice and Similar Products in 2009.
- In 2011, Poison Control Centers Received Over 5,700 Calls Related to Spice by October 31st of that Year.

Spice

- JWH-018 (a/k/a “Jdub”) – Most Common Chemical Component Found in Spice.
- Spice is Typically Sold in 3-5 Gram Packages.
- It Costs Approximately \$30 to \$50/Package.
- Popular Names for Herbal Incense Include: “Spice”, “K2”, “Wicked X”, “Head Trip”, “Zero Gravity”.

Spice



WHITE DRAGEN

is a powerful blend of exotic herbs from Africa & South America that unleashes a body of smoke & aromas which are out of this world.

Not for human consumption.

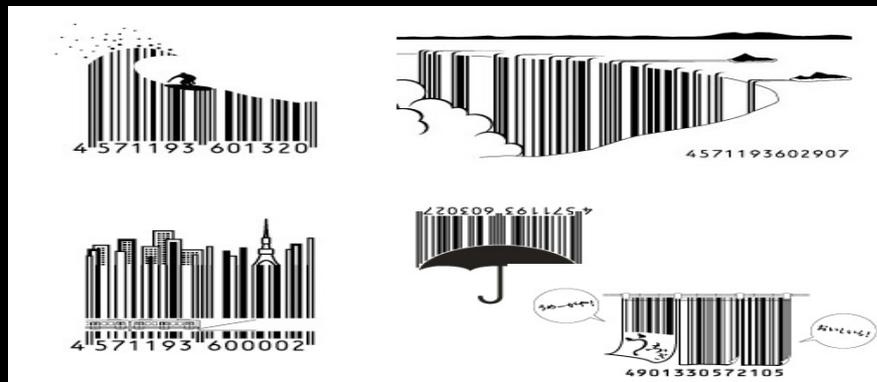
Spice

On March 1, 2011, DEA Temporarily Placed
Five Chemical Components Found in Herbal
Incense into Schedule I of the Controlled
Substances Act:

JWH-018, JWH-073, JWH-200,
CP-47,497 and the C8 Homologue of
CP-47,497

Bath Salts and Spice

- Both of These Drugs Can Be Purchased at Brick and Mortar Establishments that Cater to Drug Users (e.g. Head Shops, Convenience Stores, Gas Stations).
- These Drugs Have Also Been Offered Via the Internet on Such Sites as AliBaba.com, Amazon.com and Ebay.com. These Companies Are Now Monitoring Their Sites for the Sale of These Products.
- However Traffickers of These Products May Now Be Using Bar Codes to Offer Their Bath Salts and Spice Products on the Internet.



Bath Salts and Spice

There Are Many Investigative Efforts Being Conducted Regarding These Drugs on the Federal, State and Local Levels.

Two Labs Were Found in Maryland and Virginia That Were Capable of Producing Large Amounts of Spice.

In the DEA New York Field Division, A Bath Salts Task Force Was Formed That Has Been Successful in Seizing Large Amounts of Bath Salts and Arresting A Major Distributor of the Drug.

CHALLENGES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

TRAFFICKERS WILL CONTINUOUSLY MAKE ADJUSTMENTS IN THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF THESE DRUGS IN ORDER TO KEEP THEM LEGAL AND READILY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

HOWEVER, LEGAL DOES NOT MEAN HARMLESS, AND CONTINUING INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS, STRICTER LEGISLATION AND EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN ARE THE BEST WAYS TO COMBAT THIS ISSUE.