

Synthetic Cannabinoids

Also known as fake bake, kush, serenity, XXX climax, killa gorilla, bad dragon, K2, spice, blaze, and others

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Synthetic marijuana (synthetic cannabinoids) is leading to increased hospitalizations in Montgomery County and around the country.
- It is the second most popular illicit drug after marijuana and use is increasing in teenagers.
- Montgomery County has experienced an increase in ER visits over the past several months due to use of these drugs, including many high school and junior high students as young as 12 years old!
- As of 9/1/2015, it is illegal to possess, manufacture or sell any form of synthetic marijuana in Texas.



WHAT YOU SHOULD LOOK FOR:

- Symptoms vary due to different toxic ingredients.
- Synthetic marijuana looks like potpourri and consists of leaves, stems and petals of aromatic plants such as licorice. These crushed plants are “laced with” the active chemicals and are sold as “incense” or “legal highs”.
- Users may just appear “high,” but these symptoms are frequently seen:
 - Paranoia
 - Anxiety
 - Violent Behavior
 - Seizures
 - Low Blood Pressure and Pulse
- Although it’s referred to as “marijuana,” it’s **much more dangerous** than regular marijuana, and the number of deaths associated with synthetic marijuana is rising.



WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- Educate yourself at <http://www.drugfree.org/?s=synthetic+marijuana>
- Educate your child about the serious dangers of synthetic marijuana.
- If you suspect your child or someone you know has smoked synthetic marijuana, **call 911 immediately!** It can save their life.