



HOT Sheet

K2 and K3

- K2 is labeled as an herbal blend, marketed for home incense, but it's being used for much different purposes and could have potentially dangerous effects.
- K2 is incense, a blend of herbs looking like crushed potpourri, and spices sprayed with a synthetic compound similar to THC (JWH-018 and JWH-073), found in marijuana.
- Blends are traditionally burned in incense pots; however, the blend is being rolled into a cigarette and smoked in a manner similar to marijuana. Some effects may be irregular heartbeats to hallucinations. The effects are more dangerous than smoking marijuana.
- K2 herbs contain synthetic chemicals that imitate marijuana's effects on the brain. The synthetic cannabinoids include JWH-018 and JWH-073.
- JWH-018 produces an effect similar to THC. It is the active component in herbal blends. Users may experience far more intense effects compared to smoking cannabis.
- It can be found at gas stations, smoke shops and all over the web.
- K2 = "Fake Pot"/synthetic marijuana
- K2 is said to be three to five times more potent than THC found in marijuana. It causes more intense brain-altering effects than marijuana. "Fake Pot" is accessible to teens.
- Synthetic cannabinoids (K2) were made illegal in 2012, however, new "legal" formulas continue to be made K3 is a cousin of K2 and was developed as a result of the Federal band on K2. Manufacturers have altered one or two of K2's chemicals which undermined the federal band on this substance

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