



HOT Sheet

MDPV or “Bath Salts”

(Methylenedioxyprovalerone or newer Provalerone derivatives)

- It is a mind-altering drug and is so addictive that users say it provokes an almost uncontrollable urge for another hit.
- It is marketed as “body or bath salts.”
- Can be called Blizzard, Ivory Wave, Bolivian Bath, Purple Wave, Vanilla Sky, and other names.
- Contains a potent psychoactive chemical similar to ecstasy.
- Crushed and then snorted or can be used intravenously, mixed with food and drink, or mixed with other drugs such as methamphetamine.
- It is illegal in Pennsylvania but is available nationally through the internet.
- It can be detected in a drug screen.
- Users often exhibit psychosis, severe agitation, paranoia, chest pain, suicidality, and hallucinations.
- Causes acute toxicity in the body.
- MDPV marked as “bath salts” should not be confused with products such as magnesium sulfate or Epsom salts (products with no mind-altering ingredients) that people use during bathing.

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