## "Did You Know"

Spice is banned on a federal level, yet is legally sold in some States (such as Washington State), as a synthetic man-made cannabinoid or a drug and marketed in most smoke shops/head shops/convenience stores/liquor stores as a "safe" mimic of marijuana, however it is not safe on any level of consumption

Consumption of cannabis remains in your blood up to 2 days, in your hair up to 90 days

Marijuana abuse is now more common than cigarette smoking among high school seniors

Symptoms or reported side effects due to the consumption of Spice or K2 or Bath Salts or Spice Potpourri, Mr. Smiley, Red X Dawn, Blaze, Black Mamba, Mr. Nice Guy Relaxinol or Herbal Incense and other unknown names are: seizures, tremors, hallucinations, paranoia, anxiety, panic attacks, inability to speak, psychosis, restless, high blood pressure, high heart rate, chest pain, difficulty breathing, constant coughing, vomiting, threatening behavior, attacks others, foggy perception, confused, loss of concentration, unable to sit still, agitation, aggression, poor memory coma, unconsciousness and terrible headaches

Spice increases the risk of mental illness, psychosis, even among Teens with no psychiatric disorder or history of disorder

Teen consumption of Marijuana, Synthetic Marijuana and/or Spice is not considered to be harmless

Teens diagnosed with ADHD or ADD or have mental illness in their family are most vulnerable and at the greatest risk for deadly results

The big danger of Teen consumption is that kids brains are still developing and we don't know the long term effects that as the serious consequences to date are memory loss, mental deficits and psychosis with long-term and/or repeated use

Factually, Synthetic Drugs are outlawed in most States, are at times fatal and are 800 times more potent than THC (natural Marijuana)

The effect of using Marijuana, Synthetic Marijuana and/or Spice is highly addictive and is stored in your body for long periods of time making the it's usage more severe due to the piling dosages resulting in brain damage, dangerous aggressive effects, attributed to suicidal tendencies and is deadly

Most employers test applicants and employees; urine, blood and randomly

A charge nurse, Amanda Puhal of the University of Colorado Hospital has worked in emergency rooms for 11 years, and says she has never witnessed an outbreak this bad (9/4/2013)

"When I talked to my patients about Spice, every one of them would say the effects were extremely unpleasant and they wanted to stop" Brendan Bickley, Executive Director of Treatment Solutions Network in Costa Mesa, California

Jeffrey Sankoff, emergency room doctor, University of Colorado Hospital, told 7News, "In our hospital emergency room cases, abusers have been out in the middle of traffic, they've jumped off of buildings and had agitations to the point where they're totally out of their mind."

According to David Rotenberg, VP of Treatment at Caron Treatment Centers in Wernersville, PA " there are so many unknowns and you don't know what you are taking, or what dose you are getting and what your are predisposed to"

"The truth is these products are a guise for a very scary and potent drug that are sending kids to the emergency room, causing aggressive unusual behavior, even suicides"; Arthur T. Dean, Chairman and CEO of Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America

A forensic scientist, Anthony Tambasco, in Mansfield Ohio states that in Ohio a number of synthetic cannabinoids were outlawed last year, but he has started to see new compounds in local stores and expects drug makers will react just as quickly to the new federal ban

Reported in The Sunday News Tribune, Tacoma WA, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 "Fewer beds for mental-health patients" as a result of a clogged mental-health system that has left patients languishing in emergency rooms (across Washington State), awaiting a spot in state psychiatric hospitals

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