



HOT Sheet

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 and spices sprayed with a synthetic compound similar to THC (JWH-018 and JWH-073), found in marijuana. It mimics the effects of Marijuana. It looks like crushed potpourri. Blends are traditionally burned in incense pots; however, teens roll the K2 incense in wrappers to make joints or they smoke it in pipes.

It is produced in China, Korea, and Peru. It is 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.

JWH-018 produces effects 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 herbs contain synthetic chemicals that imitate marijuana's effects on the brain. The synthetic cannabinoids include JWH-018 and JWH-073.
- K2 is a mixture of herbs and spices made in China, Korea and Peru.
- The herbs are sprayed with a chemical similar to THC, the ingredient in marijuana that makes people high. (JWH-018 and JWH-073)
- Users roll it up in joints or inhale it from pipes, just like the real thing.
- K2 is legal and undetectable in drug tests.
- The products are sold widely including Pennsylvania (Efforts are underway to make it illegal)
- The Federal Drug Enforcement Administration has classified it a "drug or chemical of concern".
- K2 = "Fake Pot"
- 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.
- K2 is a legal smoking blend said to be much like marijuana.

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