

Spice and bath salts are commonly labeled and sold as:

- *Lady Bug Repellent*
- *SHOE DEODORIZER*
- *Glass Cleaner*
- *PLANT FOOD*
- *Herbal Incense*
- *POTPOURRI*
- *Jewelry Cleaner*
- *FERTILIZER*
- *Decorative Sand*
- *TOILET CLEANER*

Signs to look for when identifying Spice and bath salt products:

- **LABELED “NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION”**
- **PRICING WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN NORMAL PRICING FOR CONTENTS INDICATED ON LABEL, I.E. REAL GLASS CLEANER DOESN'T COST \$30 FOR 1 GRAM OF POWDER**
- **LABELED “100% LEGAL”**
- **IN A FOIL OR SMALL LIP BALM –LIKE CONTAINER**
- **USUALLY SOLD IN GRAMS**

For more information about these drugs visit:

www.k2drugfacts.com

<http://www.drugs.com/bath-salts.html>

Be part of a community movement to stop the sale and use of synthetic drugs in the High Desert:

High Desert Community Coalition!

Meetings are held the

2nd Thursday of every month at 4:30 pm

Hook Community Center,
14973 Joshua St. in Victorville

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www.facebook.com/HighDesertCommunityCoalition

Mission Statement:

The High Desert Community Coalition is dedicated to addressing alcohol and other substance abuse issues in communities throughout the High Desert.

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Synthetic Drugs 101

Know the facts about “Spice” and “Bath Salts”



Spice...not something you would find in your kitchen

WHAT IS SPICE?

“Spice” is a mixture of plants or herbs sprayed with a mixture of toxic chemicals called synthetic cannabinoids.

IS SPICE DANGEROUS?

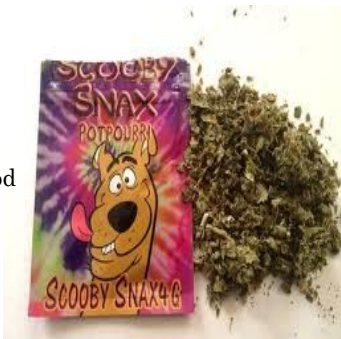
Although it looks similar to marijuana and is sometimes referred to as “fake” marijuana, Spice is **50 to 500 times stronger than marijuana**. One time use has caused severe health effects and death.

HOW IS SPICE USED?

Spice is a drug that is smoked in pipes, joints or sometimes made into a tea.

WHAT ARE SIDE EFFECTS FROM SMOKING SPICE?

- Increased heart rate, cardiac arrest
- Severe hallucinations
- Paranoia
- Seizures
- Anxiety
- Panic attacks
- Increased blood pressure



How to identify Spice and Bath Salts?

- Spice and bath salts are typically sold in foil packaging similar to the pictures shown in this brochure.
- Spice and bath salts are also sold in small plastic cylinder containers similar to lip balm. Other common packaging is small plastic baggies.

Where are these drugs available?

- Spice and bath salts are commonly found in smoke shops, but may also be found in liquor stores, gas stations and on the internet.
- ***There is no age limit on who can purchase these drugs.***
- These drugs are often marketed toward youth and placed next to candy or youth sensitive items (see image below).
- These drugs are sold for as little as \$9 for Spice to \$30 for bath salts.
- There are state and federal laws banning the sale of these drugs, but these laws often contain loopholes that make it possible for retailers to continue selling Spice and bath salts.



Small plastic containers of Spice displayed with candy at a gas station. Picture courtesy of Bill Perno.

Bath Salts... nothing in common with actual bath salts products

WHAT ARE “BATH SALTS?”

The bath salts referred to in this brochure are drugs made of synthetic Cathinones that are designed to replicate the effects of methamphetamine, PCP and cocaine. Bath salts are usually sold in a white powder or crystal form.

ARE THESE DRUGS DETECTED ON STANDARD DRUG TESTS?

No! A specialized test is needed to detect synthetic chemicals found in Spice and bath salts.

HOW ARE BATH SALTS USED?

Bath salts are most commonly snorted or swallowed in capsules. They may also be intravenously injected, used in suppositories or swallowed in water.

WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS FROM USING BATH SALTS?

- Severe hallucinations
- Seizure and tremors
- Extremely high body temperatures
- PCP like strength
- Recurring suicidal thoughts
- Violent behavior
- Insomnia
- Kidney failure

