

# THE SERIOUS **DANGERS** OF "HERBAL INCENSE"

## WHAT IS **HERBAL INCENSE**?

"Herbal Incense" or synthetic marijuana, is a dangerous drug marketed as safe and natural. The drug itself is a manufactured liquid chemical, but is typically sold sprayed on to shredded plant material to appear to be a natural substance and resemble marijuana.



### **HERBAL INCENSE**

**CONTAINS CANNABINOIDS**

**CREATED IN A LAB**

**CHEMICALS MIMIC EFFECTS OF THC IN THE BRAIN**



### **MARIJUANA**

**CONTAINS CANNABINOIDS**

**DERIVED FROM PLANTS**

**THC AFFECTS RECEPTORS IN BRAIN, CAUSING "HIGH"**

OVER  
**100**  
DIFFERENT SYNTHETIC  
CANNABINOIDS  
HAVE BEEN CREATED.  
NONE HAVE BEEN EXTENSIVELY  
TESTED FOR SAFETY.



**HERBAL INCENSE CONTAINS COMBINATIONS OF UP TO 10 OF THESE CHEMICALS AT A TIME.**

**NO INFORMATION IS PROVIDED ABOUT WHICH CHEMICALS ARE USED OR AT WHAT DOSAGE.**

## SYNTHETIC CANNABINOID **SIDE EFFECTS**

**BLEEDING  
CATATONIA  
CHEST PAIN  
CONVULSIONS  
EXTREME PSYCHOSIS**

**HEART DAMAGE  
HYPERTENSION  
KIDNEY INJURY  
SEIZURES  
STROKE**

  
**AND  
DEATH**

BETWEEN 2011 AND 2014 APPROXIMATELY  
**20 DEATHS**  
WERE ATTRIBUTABLE TO  
SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA USE

IN 2018, OVER  
**100 PEOPLE**  
WERE TREATED FOR OVERDOSES OF  
SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA AT WASHINGTON DC  
AREA HOSPITALS IN JUST DAYS.  
(597 PEOPLE TOTAL WERE TREATED FOR OVERDOSE IN 2016)