What is Spice?

“Spice” or “K-2” are just two names (of the many) for products sold as incense. Synthetic Cannabinoids contain powerful chemicals called cannabimimetics and can cause dangerous health effects.

Is it really Marijuana?

No. In fact it’s a very different drug. Like many other illegal drugs, synthetic marijuana is not tested for safety, and users don’t really know exactly what chemicals they are putting into their bodies.

Are there any dangers to smoking this incense?

Many who have smoked the incense say it’s not the mellow high that they expected. The most common problems identified in hospital cases include agitation, fast heartbeat and higher blood pressure, vomiting, seizures, intense hallucinations or psychotic episodes. More serious problems have included temporary kidney failure, heart attacks and strokes.

What should you do if someone has used Spice or another synthetic cannabinoid?

Call your local poison center at 1-800-222-1222. Fifty-five poison centers around the country have experts waiting to answer your call. These experts can help you decide whether someone can be treated at home, or whether he or she must go to a hospital.

MORE INFO: http://www.aapcc.org/alerts/synthetic-cannabinoids/

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