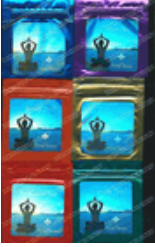


Salvia and Synthetic Marijuana

Information for Parents and Adults



As of July 1, 2010 the State of Alabama became the fifth state to make the possession of JWH-018, the ingredient in products such as Serenity Now and Bonsai 18 that causes intoxication, illegal. Other synthetic or imitation drugs that will become illegal are HU-210, JWH-073 and various forms of salvia. Penalties for possession of these products are a misdemeanor with the 1st conviction and felony with further convictions.

Signs of Salvia and Synthetic Marijuana Use

Salvia

- ✓ Hallucinations that can include:
 - Perceptions of bright lights
 - Vivid colors and shapes
 - Body or object distortions
- ✓ Dysphoria
- ✓ Uncontrolled laughter
- ✓ Sense of loss of body
- ✓ Overlapping realities
- ✓ Dizziness
- ✓ Slurred speech

Salvia can be chewed to allow the juices to enter the body through the tissues of the mouth, or it can be smoked.

Synthetic Marijuana

Products being sold as “herbal incenses” are being sprayed with THC-like substance that gives symptoms similar to marijuana, including:

- ✓ Headaches
- ✓ Hallucinations
- ✓ Panic attacks
- ✓ Mood swings
- ✓ Paranoia
- ✓ Depression

These products are usually smoked like marijuana and come in brands such as Serenity Now, Bonsai 18, K2.

*Look for dried herb residues in a teen’s room, car or clothing, small foil packets (2-3 inch square) and/or small plastic zip bags.

*The chemicals being sprayed on the herbal incenses (JWH-018, HU-210 and JWH-073) look like a powdery white substance.

If you see products such as Serenity Now, Bonsai 18 or K2 being sold in convenience stores in your community, please contact your local police department to notify them.

If you have concerns about your child using any of these substances, please contact your school counselor for help and resources.

For further information and resources for parents, please visit the Shelby County Drug Free Coalition’s website: www.shelbycountdrugfreecoalition.org