

## Effects of Synthetic Cannabinoids

Synthetic cannabinoids are part of a group of drugs called new psychoactive substances (NPS), that are sprayed on dried and shredded plant material to look like cannabis herb plant.

Synthetic cannabinoids are commonly ingested by smoking the dried plant material and can also be brewed as tea or bought as a liquid to vaporize in e-cigarettes.

### Brain

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Extreme anxiety  
Confusion  
Intense paranoia  
Vivid hallucinations  
Suicidal thoughts

### Body

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Elevated blood pressure  
Rapid heart rate  
Vomiting  
Seizures  
Renal damage  
Heart attacks  
Dry mouth

### Behaviour

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Violent and erratic behaviour  
Brain swelling  
Mood swings

