

# 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

- Extreme anxiety
- Confusion
- Intense paranoia
- Vivid hallucinations
- Suicidal thoughts

## BODY

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

## BEHAVIOUR

- Violent and erratic behaviour
- Brain swelling
- Mood swings

