

## **FOR TEACHERS, BUSINESSES & COMMUNITY LEADERS**

# **INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH YOUR GROUP**

*With the declaration of a state of emergency for New Hampshire on August 14, 2014, as a result of ingestion of a synthetic drug known as “Smacked”, now is an appropriate time to have a conversation with your group about the dangers and myths of using synthetic drugs.*

### **Following are some points to share with your students, staff, or community:**

1. The products being marketed as synthetic marijuana are not like marijuana at all! The side-effects of the products include agitation, anxiety, nausea, vomiting, elevated heart rate and blood pressure, tremors, seizures, hallucinations, and paranoia.
2. Recently, over 45 people in NH have been treated at local hospitals due to serious medical conditions as a direct result of using these products, not over-dosing, just using!
3. Since these products are not intended for human consumption, they are not tested by the FDA whose responsibility it is to decide what products are consumable and how risky they are to ingest.
4. Producers of these products do not adhere to any standard of manufacturing. They are not monitored by any legal entities of any kind. In order to avoid prosecution, in fact, the chemicals used to make these products are constantly altered as new laws are initiated to prohibit them because of the dangers. As a result, no batches are ever the same and each batch of the drug can vary greatly in its effects.
5. While the base of these products may be herbs, they are sprayed with a constantly varying array of synthetic chemicals that are anything but natural.
6. Many drug testing laboratories can now detect the use of a variety of synthetic drugs. No longer can users rest easy thinking that these products won't show up on random drug screenings, such as those used by businesses, hospitals, the U.S. military and many state service providers that require abstinence from use of illegal products.
7. If you become aware of any retailers that are distributing these products, or become aware of someone using these products, please notify a local authority - such as a teacher, a supervisor, or the local police department. They can start conversations and educate users and distributors as to the ramifications of using and selling these products.

For more information: [www.drugfreeNH.org](http://www.drugfreeNH.org)

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