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Drug Alert: Synthetic Cannabinoid Detected in Vape

A drug alert has been issued following the hospitalisation of a young person after consuming a contaminated vape containing MDMB-4en-PINACA, a highly potent synthetic cannabinoid. Synthetic cannabinoids are often sold under names such as "Spice" or "K2" and can cause severe, unpredictable, and potentially fatal reactions.

You will see from the alert the vape was purchased in Wolverhampton and there are concerns that further contaminated vapes are in circulation, so we are asking people to remain vigilant at this time.

Please note any unofficial vape products may contain dangerous substances that are not disclosed to the user.

In addition to the imbedded Harm Reduction advice within the alert please see further advice and guidance below as well as when to seek help from emergency services

Harm reduction advice

- The safest option is not to use synthetic cannabinoids. Their contents and strength are often unknown and unregulated.
- If someone chooses to use them, use a very small amount first and wait. Potency can vary dramatically, even within products sold under the same brand name.
- Avoid using alone. Severe reactions can include loss of consciousness, seizures, psychosis, agitation, or cardiovascular complications.
- Do not mix with alcohol or other drugs. Combining substances can increase unpredictability and medical risks.
- Stay hydrated and in a safe environment. Anxiety, paranoia, confusion, and overheating can occur.
- Avoid driving or operating machinery. Judgment, perception, and coordination may be severely impaired.
- Be cautious with vaping products. Synthetic cannabinoids may be present in liquids or cartridges, and contents are often not disclosed accurately

Seek emergency help immediately if someone has:

- Seizures
- Chest pain
- Severe agitation or aggression
- Hallucinations or psychosis
- Loss of consciousness
- Difficulty breathing
- Irregular heartbeat

These are possible effects of synthetic cannabinoid intoxication.

Please ensure this information is shared promptly with service users and that any suspected contaminated batches of drugs that may be in circulation are reported to drugalert@wolverhampton.gov.uk.

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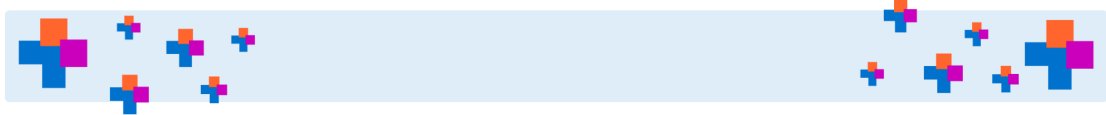
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