

The Four Types of NPS



Synthetic Cannabinoids

Synthetic cannabinoids refer to a growing number of man-made mind altering chemicals sold as shredded plant material so they can be smoked or as liquids which can be vaporised and inhaled in e-cigarettes and other devices. These substances are supposed to provide the user with the same effects as cannabis, but they are often much stronger. They have been known to be traded under such names as black mamba, clockwork orange, spice, exodus damnation etc. These designer drugs have no relation to cannabis but do effect the brain in the same way.

Effects of Synthetic Cannabinoids:

Synthetic cannabinoids effect the central nervous system whereby they have been linked to the cause of seizures, high blood pressure, increases in heart rate and body temperature. The effects of these are similar cannabis intoxication such as relaxation, altered consciousness, disinhibition, a state of being energised and euphoric.



Hallucinogenics

A hallucinogenic NPS is a drug which mimics the effects of drugs like LSD, ketamine or magic mushrooms etc. Essentially, this type of NPS is designed to make users become erratic!

Effects of Hallucinogenics:

These type of NPS drugs effect individuals by causing psychedelic reactions. Commonly known to cause individuals to become confused and make them panic easily. The effects mean that users become uncontrolled in busy environment that can lead to accidents and injury. These type of drugs can alter individuals perceptions and can make them hallucinate, make them see things and induce feelings of euphoria.



Sedatives

Sedatives are the type of NPS substances that contain compounds of drugs such as benzodiazepine's and are commonly known as central nervous system depressants. Sedatives are essentially designed to slow down the function of the human brain.

Effects of Sedatives:

Sedative NPS drugs can reduce concentration, slow down reactions and can result in accidents occurring easily. Sedatives can often result in individuals becoming unconscious due to a decrease in energy in the body. To an extreme, sedatives can cause individuals to fall into a coma state and in some cases death.



Stimulants

Stimulant substances are ultimately designed to provide individuals with an increase in alertness and energy with temporary effects. These drugs mimic substances such as amphetamine, cocaine and ecstasy and include BZP, mephedrone, MPDV, NRG-I, Benzo Fury, MDAI & methylphenidates.

Effects of Stimulants:

This type of NPS can have an impact on the central nervous system and heart. Research has also found that this type of NPS is linked to attacking the immune system and is also associated with a number of mental health issues such as anxiety & psychosis.