



## Bath Salts (Slang for a man-made drug)

### What is it?

- This product was not made to use in a bath
- Package reads “not for human consumption” but people use it to get “high”
- Sold as “plant food”, “stain remover” and “glass cleaner” the drug contains dangerous chemicals
- Snorted or smoked, but can be injected
- Powder form is sold in packets but also in capsules
- Many brands exist with names like “Cloud 9”, “Eclipse”, “White Lightning” and “Ocean Burst”
- Ingredients are not listed on the products
- Each batch made is different, with different chemicals in different amounts

### Why is it used?

- Although labeled “not for human consumption”, it is used to get “high”
- It is cheap, and easy to get
- People think it is safe because it is sold “over the counter”, **BUT IS NOT**
- This fake drug doesn’t show up on most drug tests
- If snorted, effects occur within minutes, If eaten, 45 minutes up to 48 hours



### Where is it sold?

- Bath salts are easy to get on-line, in head shops, convenience stores and on the street

### What happens to people who use “bath salts”?

- Agitation (extreme activity or emotion)
- Dehydration (body dries up too much)
- Severe paranoia (extreme distrust)
- Chest Pain
- High blood pressure/heart rate
- Anxiety and muscle cramps
- Acting violent or tries to injure him/herself
- Hallucinations (see and hear things, not real)
- Some users require long-term mental care

### Bath Salts and the Law

On July 9, 2012, President Obama signed into law federal legislation banning bath salts and synthetic marijuana, or more accurately, the 31 different chemical combinations identified in batches of these manmade drugs. The next step is to strengthen the analog statute to cover any synthetics that have been slightly altered to circumvent the law.

### How many call to the Upstate New York Poison Center

2010 - No Calls

2011 - 117

6/12 to July 2012 - 277