

Headshop Highs & Lows

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Headshops

A.K.A. “Smart Shops”, “Hemp Shops”,
“Hemporia” or “Growshops”

Retail or Online Outlets selling
Psychoactive Plants, ‘Legal’ & “Herbal”
Highs as well as Drug Paraphernalia
including Cannabis growing equipment.

NIRVANA



Papers/Blunts



Pipes / Bongs

Headshops supply Cannabis Paraphernalia

Headshops & Skunk-type (High Strength) Cannabis

- 1. Sale of Skunk-type seeds**
- 2. Advice on Sinsemilla Technique**
- 3. Sale of Hydroponics & Intense
Lighting**



Cannabis Potency expressed as % THC Content

➤ Ireland

➤ Herb 6%

Hash 4%

➤ UK

➤ Herb* 12-18%

Hash 3.4%

➤ Netherlands

➤ Herb* 20%

Hash 37%

* Skunk-type



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Best Place In Cork For Herbal Highs, Pipes, Bonges and Smoking Accessories.

Headshop

Wholesale

Indoor/Outdoor GARDENING

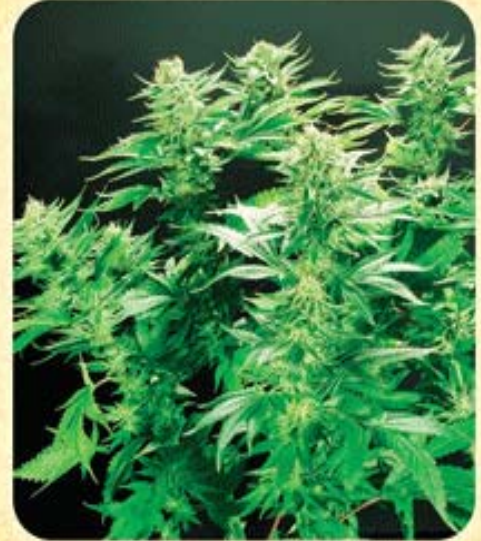


Clothing
Body Piercing

Market Orders

Contact

DE SJAMAAN Cannable Seeds



Thai Widow



thegrowshop.ie

Visit the Grow Shop for all your Hydroponic needs

Skunk-Type Cannabis & Psychosis

- Compared to Hash smoking controls
- Skunk use - 7 x risk
- Daily Skunk use - 12 x risk
- Di Forti et al . Br. J. Psychiatry 2009

Cannabinoids

- PhytoCannabinoids- only in Cannabis plants
- Endocannabinoids – naturally occurring in the Human Body
- Synthetic Cannabinoids – developed as pain-killing drugs – found in some “SPICE”-type smoking mixtures

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stronger stuff to mix with but you gotta thrust me. Mix with anything else and more likely going to be tearing ur nose apart.

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By **Dylan**

seriously good stuff love it

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Magic Gold - Incense Blend – (3g) - Aromatic Herbal Incense



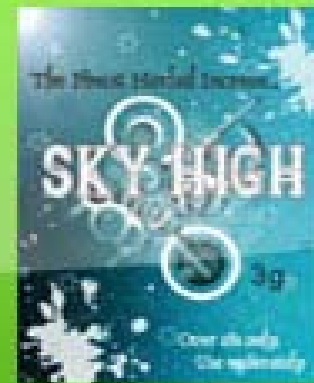
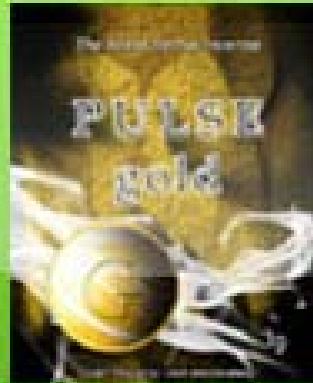
Ice Gold (2g) - Herbal Resin



Tijuana Super Strength - Incense Mixture (3.5g) - Aromatic Herbal Incense



HERBAL INCENSE



Spice/Spice Gold Incense

- Mixture of innocuous herbs BUT
- 6 potent Synthetic Cannabinoids detected
- Banned in Germany , Austria, France, Poland, Sweden, Luxembourg, Lithuania, Estonia, UK.



Effects of Synthetic Cannabinoids

- No human scientific studies
- Much more potent than THC in lab tests
- Psychosis-like panic attacks
- Heart & circulatory problems
- Addiction potential
- Severe psychiatric complications
- Carcinogenic potential
- Overdose risks with some drugs

Headshop Products are “Failed” Pharmaceutical Drugs

Failed Pain Killers- found in SPICE

Failed Antidepressants- BZP in Party pills

Failed slimming drugs in Bath Salts

Others Mimic existing Drugs

Kratom & Opiate drugs

Salvia & LSD

Mephedrone & Cocaine

Methylone & Ecstasy

San Pedro & Mescaline

Effects of Fly Agaric

Powerful hallucinations

Alcohol-like euphoria

Deep sleep with vivid dreams

Slurred speech + in-coordination

Convulsions/muscle twitching

Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea



Amanita muscaria var. muscaria
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Lysergic Acid Amide

LSA /Ergine/ Lysergamide

Active dose 2 – 5 mg

LSD 200 µg

Active dose - 5 – 10 Woodrose seeds

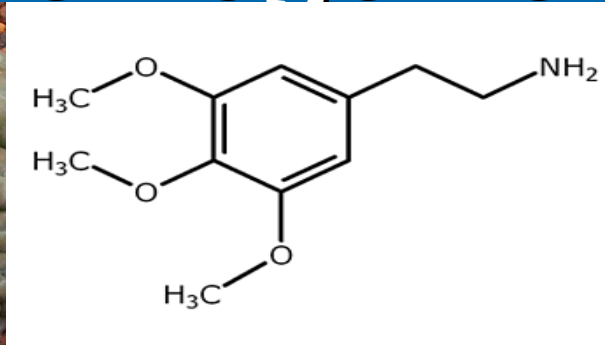
150 – 200 Morning Glory
seeds



Hallucinogenic Cacti



Lophophora williamsii
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Mescaline
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Peyote – 1.5% Mescaline

San Pedro – 2.4% Mescaline

Peruvian Torch- 0 -0.8%

(*Trichocereus pachanoi/peruvianus*)



Flowering *Trichocereus pachanoi*
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Kratom



Mitragyna speciosa:
Thailand, SE Asia

Active drug : Mitragynine (μ opioid agonist)

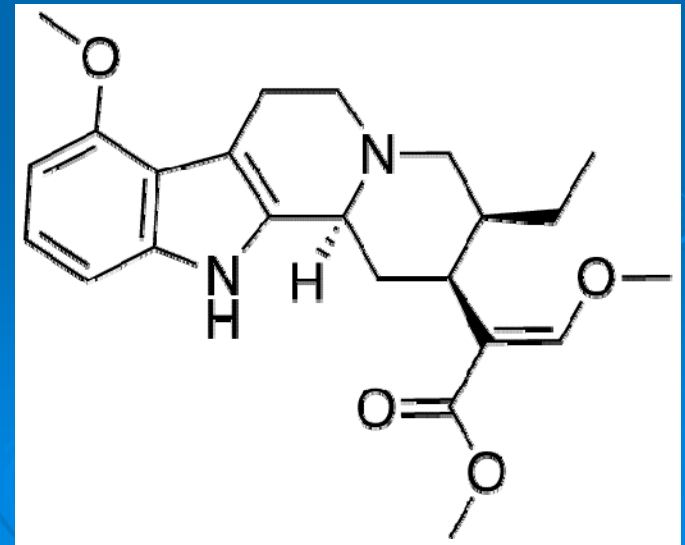
Leaf chewed as a narcotic or as a substitute
for Opium.

Low dose-Stimulant

High dose- Sedation/Euphoria

Lucid dreaming

Illegal in Thailand, Malaysia,
Australia, Denmark & Lithuania



Kratom Side Effects

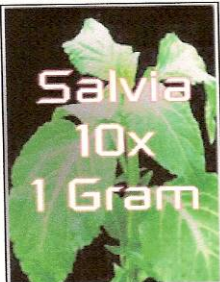
- Psychosis
- Dependence
- Weight loss
- Dry mouth, constipation
- Withdrawal after very high doses
 - Muscle + joint pain
 - Hostility + aggression
 - Spastic limb movements

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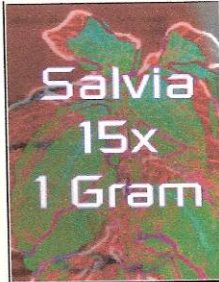
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Kratom (Thai) 20 Gram - Herbs	€20.00	BUY
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Kratom Gold - Herbal High	€18.00	BUY



Joint Smoking mix: Green
4.00EUR
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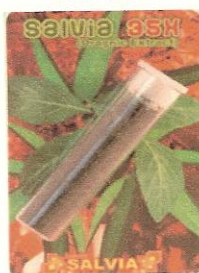
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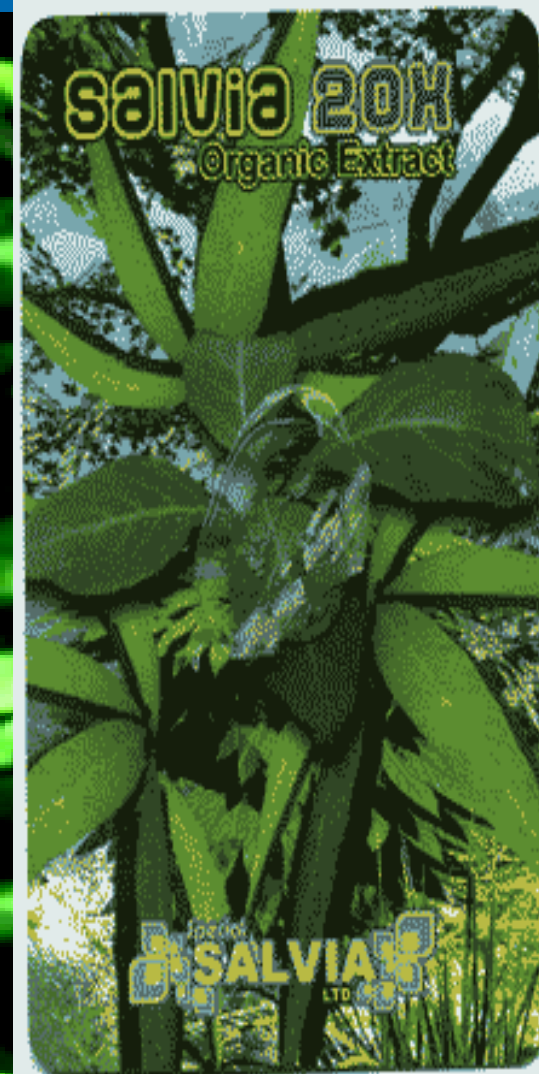
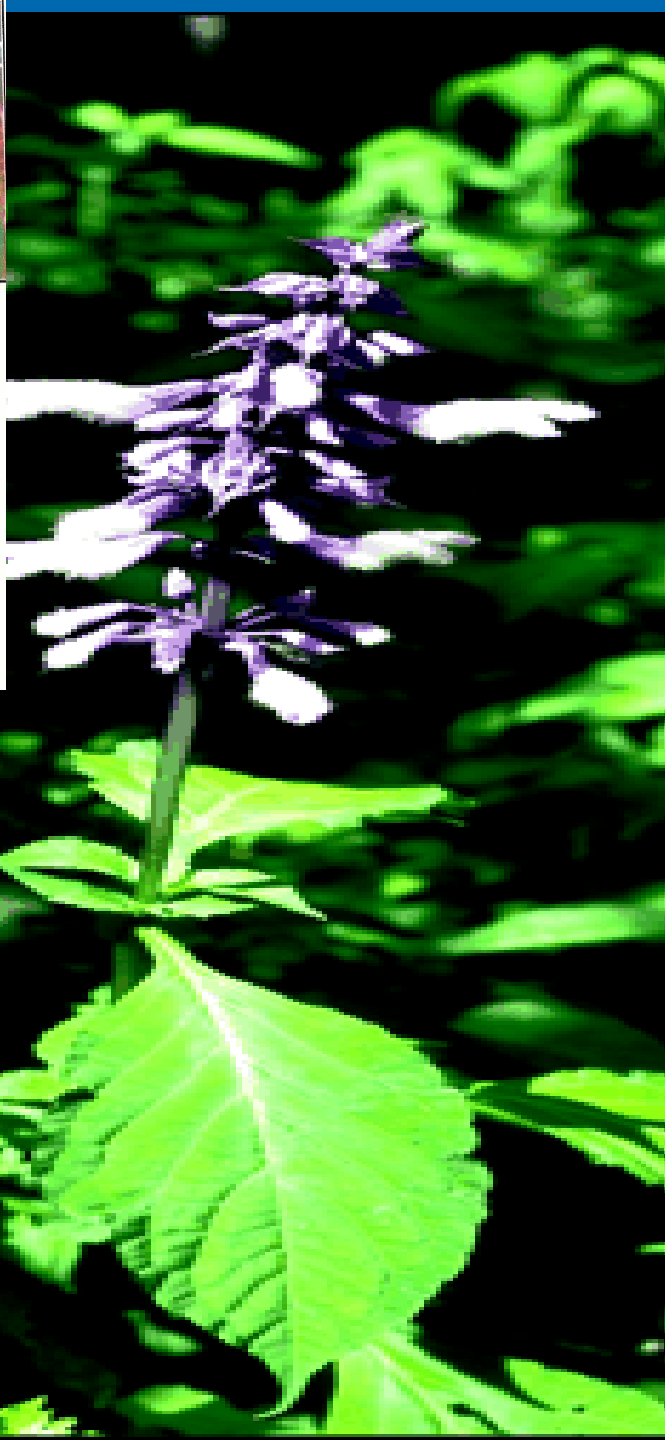
Salvia 20 Extract - 1 gram vial
40.00EUR
[Buy Now!](#)



Salvia 35X
50.00EUR
[Buy Now!](#)



Salvia Joint
7.50EUR
[Buy Now!](#)



Salvia divinorum

Member of Mint/Sage family

'Magic Mint'/ 'Divine Mint'

Religious use by Mazatec Shamans


Active Chemicals: Salvinorins

Potency similar to LSD

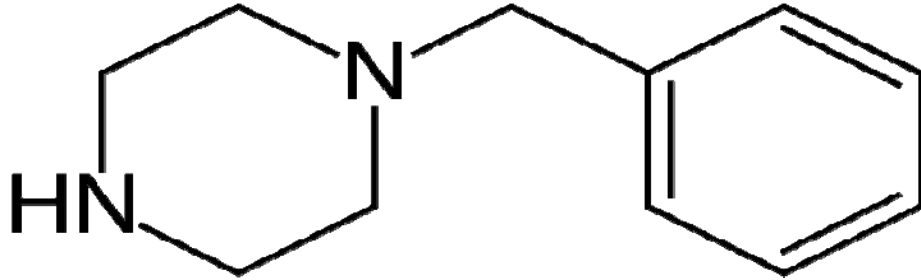
500 mcg – uncontrollable delirium

Legally controlled in Spain, Australia, Finland, Denmark.

Salvia Side Effects

- Intense derealisation
 - Decreased ability to interact with self and surroundings
 - Impairment
 - Sense of déjà vu
 - Paranoia
 - Mental Slowing
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BZP



Drug name: 1-Benzylpiperazine

Often mixed with related TFMPP (weak LSD-like effects)

Synthetic not Herbal !

BZP tested as Antidepressant (not as an anthelminthic)

Trials stopped because

Psychoactivity similar to Amphetamines



BZP Party Pills

Side effects

Hyperthermia similar to Ecstasy

Raised heart beat and blood pressure

Amphetamine addicts: BZP = Speed

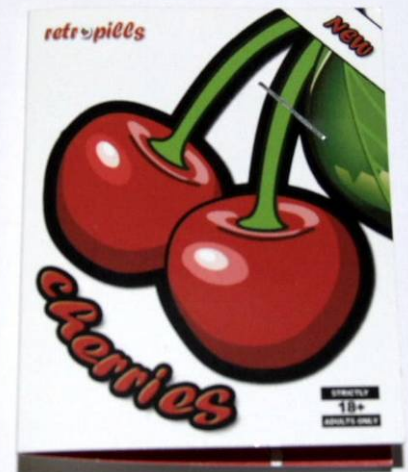
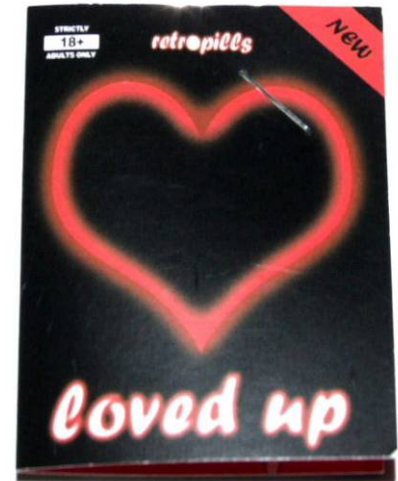
Convulsions reported from NZ,UK

EU Ban March 2008

Misuse of Drugs Act March 2009

Newer Piperazines Not Legally Controlled

- “XXX” 200mg BZP + 100mg MethylBenzyl Piperazine
- “Loved up” 1-FPP
- “Cherries” 1-FPP





Cathinones

- Originally from Khat plant E. Africa
- Natural form of Speed
- 20 Designer Cathinones 1997
- Metcathinone – known as MethCat
- Cathinone under Misuse of Drugs Act
- Newer ones MDA June 2010

Cathinones

- Sold as Bath salts or Plant Food
- Contents may be labelled as Ketones
- Butylone or bkMBDB
- Methylone or bkMDMA
- Flephedrone
- Mephedrone
- Methedrone

Mephedrone Products

Charge

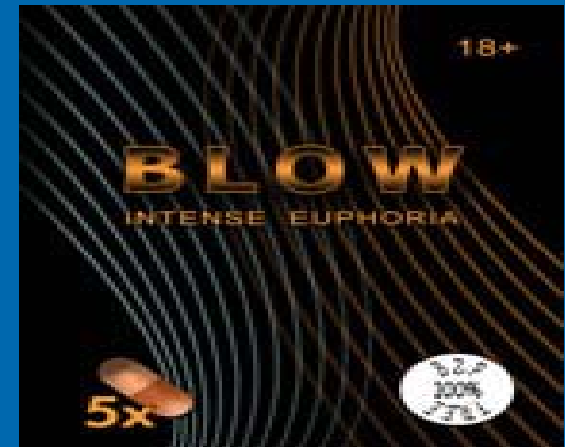
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The Business

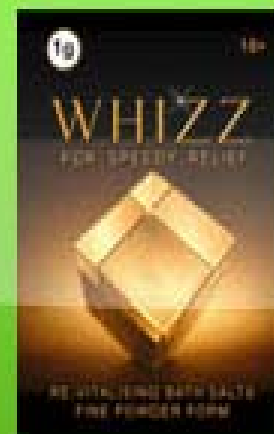
Diablo XXX

Magic

Wildcat



BATH SALTS



Mephedrone

4-Methymethcathinone

- Also known as 4-MMC, “Meow-Meow”
- Stimulant & empathogen
- Compulsive redosing (“fiending”)
- Hyperthermia
- Palpitations, racing heart
- Jaw clenching & grinding teeth
- Serious vasoconstriction
- Anxiety & paranoia

Methylone Products

Snow

Mint Mania

Craic

Dogs B****X (+ MDPV)



Methylone

Methylenedioxy methcathinone

- Also known as bkMDMA, MDMCAT
- “Euphoric Empathogen”
- Increased heart rate/ body temperature
- Jaw & Muscle tension/aches
- Paranoia, fear
- Unwanted life-changing spiritual experience

Deaths involving Cathinones

- 18 in England
- 7 in Scotland
- 1 in Guernsey
- 1 in Wales
- 1 in N. Ireland
- 1 in Sweden
- This does not mean that the Drug alone caused the deaths.

Whats New

- Pyrovalerones
- Pyrovalerone itself has Ritalin-like effects (stimulant/appetite-suppressant)
- MDPV – Vanilla Sky, Hurricane Charlie, Dogs B****x, Ivory White, Sextasy
- Naphyrone – NRG-1
- 38 derivatives known

MDPV

3,4-Methylenedioxypropylamphetamine

- Stimulant, Euphoria, Hypersexuality
- Compulsive redosing
- Panic attacks, psychosis
- Addiction
- Severe comedown: depression, lethargy, anxiety

Aminoindans

- Pink Champagne contains
- Aminoindan- stimulant
- Cola Vera – Caffeine
- Caffeine



To Summarise

- Headshops offer for sale drugs which mimic
- Cannabis Drugs
- Hallucinogens (LSD/Magic Mushrooms)
- Stimulants (Speed, Coke)
- Ecstasy

What Can be Done

- Close Headshops down- Legally difficult
- Use Planning Laws
- Influence Landlords
- Reduce Range of Products (Supply Reduction)-
Use MDA, Medicines/Food/Chemical Regs
- Harm Reduction – Hash vs Skunk, Rehydration
& Bath Salts, injection issues
- Demand Reduction- why are they so popular?

What is Being Done Supply Reduction

Scheduling 170 Synthetic Cannabinoids under
MDA

Scheduling some Designer Cathinones under
MDA

What Still Needs to be Done Supply Reduction

**Schedule other Cathinones & Pyrovalerones under
MDA**

Enforce existing legislation

Ephedrine – containing plants

LSA – containing plants- Morning Glories/Woodrose

Mescaline- containing Cacti

**Place Salvia, Sida & Kratom on prescription-only list
Which means they can't be sold by Headshops**