

Head Shops

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BACKGROUND

- Head Shops
- Legal highs
- Highs that are not illegal (not yet)
- Prohibition Vs Harm Reduction

Back round Continued

- 90 new substances identified through EMCDDA.
- Internet new mode of sale.
- 68 on line 2008
- 115 on line 2009
- 200 psychoactive substance known
- Often advertised as herbal/ usual synthetic
- Not always what it says on the packet
- No system of Quality control

Substances

- Tend to mimic the effects of controlled drugs/cleverly marketed.
- Salvia (ecstasy)
- Spice (cannabis)
- Cathinone Derivative (cocaine, Ecstasy, Amphetamine).
- Piperazine (ecstasy, speed. Amphetamines includes BZP)
- LSA containing products (LSD)
- Kratom (opium/opiate /heroin)

Salvia

- Dry Leaf/smoked
- Stimulant
- Effects /mild to full blown psychedelic hallucinations/possible psychosis in at risks groups

Spice

- Synthetic cannabinoids sprayed onto dry leafs
- Mimic the effects of THC
- Effects/paranoia/amnesia/? Long term effects

Cathinone

- Naturally occurring stimulant in the Khat plant
- Mephedrone/methylone/MDMCAT
- Effects/
euohoria, anxiety, paranoia, psychosis,
cardiac/nervous
system. fits, dehydration, come down
syndrome

Piperazine

- Sold as Plant feeders/bath salts
- Tabley/powder/capsule/liquid
- Effects/ cardiac/
fits/stroke/dependence/hyperthermia
- BZP banned since 2009(convulsions reported)
- Since being banned BZP free products on the market

LSA

- Seeds of morning glory/Hawaiian baby wood rose/
- Effects/hallucinations/cardiac

Kratom

- Taken in tea/smoked /chewed/
- Low doses/stimulation
- High doses/ itchininess.
sweating/nausea/lucid
dreaming/psychosis/muscle and joint
pain/very high doses possible addiction
- U antoginist/naturally occurring

