

CHEMICAL HEALTH TREND CORNER:

Marijuana Wax and Food Items Laced with Marijuana Causing Overdoses



DEA warns about potent marijuana-based 'wax' substance
–Wax, a highly potent marijuana-based product, is becoming the new drug of choice for teens and

young adults. It's loaded with THC, the mind-altering ingredient found in marijuana. The DEA is sending out an alert in Indiana because the substance is showing up there. [Read more:](#)

Marijuana Overdoses

Five high schoolers fall sick after eating marijuana-laced brownies
9/5/13–Five Northern California high school students fell severely ill Thursday after consuming a batch of pot brownies allegedly whipped up by a 17-year-old girl. Two students from DeAnza High School in Richmond become unresponsive and were taken to an area hospital, while three others vomited and reported feeling nauseous after eating the brownies, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

[Read more:](#)

Methamphetamine is Making a Comeback Locally

What is it?

It is a stimulant that speeds up body's system that comes as pill or powder. It is available in prescription as Desoxyn® to treat obesity and ADHD. Crystal meth resembles glass fragments and is an illegally altered version of the prescription drug that is cooked with over-the-counter drugs in meth labs.

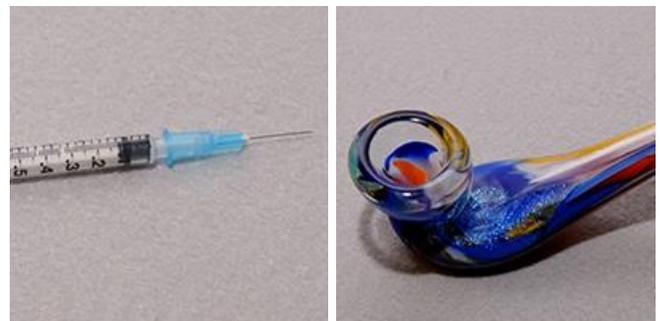
Street Names

Meth, Speed, Ice, Shards, Bikers Coffee, Stove Top, Tweak, Yaba, Trash, Chalk, Crystal, Crank, Shabu

How is it used?

- Powder, pill
- Smoked, snorted, injected
- Meth users will binge, or go on a "run," by not eating or sleeping and injecting as much as a gram every 2-3 hours over several days.

Paraphernalia



How does it affect the body?

- Highly addictive
- Agitation, increased heart rate and blood pressure
- Increased respiration and body temperature
- Anxiety, paranoia
- High doses can cause convulsions, cardiovascular collapse, stroke or death

[Read More about Methamphetamine](#)

Marijuana

- Rolling papers
- Cigars used to fill with marijuana to make a blunt
- Pipes (metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic, ceramic)
- Bong (a filtration device to smoke marijuana)
- Roach clips (a metal holder for a marijuana cigarette)
- E-Cigarettes (to smoke marijuana concentrates)



Administration (DEA) Website How to Identify Drug Paraphernalia

A critical part of understanding teen drug use is awareness about drug paraphernalia—the items kids use to hide or consume drugs. You may find these items in your child's bedroom, car or backpack.

- Plastic baggies or small paper bags
- Cigarette packages
- Electronic-cigarettes (also called E-cigarettes)
- Small glass vials
- Pill bottles
- Candy or gum wrappers
- Baseball cap/ski cap
- Belt buckle
- Felt tip marker and lipstick dispensers
- Makeup bags

Drugs and Specific Paraphernalia

View the [paraphernalia tab in our Identifying Drugs tool](#) for images of all the paraphernalia listed below.

Heroin

- Needles
- Tin foil
- Pipes
- Plastic pen case or cut up drinking straw
- Small spoon



Cocaine

- Pipes
- Small mirrors, small spoons, short plastic straws, rolled-up paper tubes
- Razor blades
- Lighters





Ecstasy/MDMA/Molly

- Glow sticks, surgical mask/dust mask
- Pacifiers and lollipops (to prevent teeth grinding and jaw clenching)
- Bags of candy to hide pills



Inhalants

- Rags for sniffing
- Tubes of glue
- Balloons
- Nozzles
- Bottles or aerosol cans with hardened glue, sprays, paint or chemical odors



Items Used to Cover up Drug Use

- Mouth wash, mints, and breathe sprays
- Eye drops for bloodshot eyes
- Sun glasses for red eyes, changes in pupil size, or eye movements

Items or Associations That May Indicate Interest in Illegal Drugs or Drug Use

- Clothing, jewelry, tattoos, teen slang with drug culture messages.
- Websites, music, or publications that glamorize drug use.

Where do Kids buy Paraphernalia?

Over the Internet, at tobacco shops, head shops, gift and novelty shops, gas stations, and convenience stores.

Legal Consequences

- Federal law states it is illegal for any person
- To sell or offer for sale drug paraphernalia;
 - To use the mail or any other facility of interstate commerce to transport drug paraphernalia; or
 - Import or export drug paraphernalia.

See Drug Paraphernalia, 21 U.S.C. 863, Controlled Substance Act Offenses and Penalties, www.DEA.gov

For more information on possession of drug paraphernalia, check your state's drug paraphernalia laws found in the state's criminal code.

Be Informed

