



**Synthetic Cannabinoids are human-made, mind altering, chemicals similar to THC that is found in the marijuana plant. Synthetic Cannabinoids are also known as fake weed, K2, and Spice; while often marketed as a “safe” alternative to marijuana use, studies have shown that chemicals used to manufacture Synthetic Cannabinoids may have more a powerful effect on the brain than Marijuana use.**

**There has been an outbreak nationally of severe bleeding related to Synthetic Cannabinoid use; Southeast Missouri has experienced its first case. Laboratory testing confirmed that these individuals have been exposed to poisonous chemicals used in commercial products for killing rodents and other pests; ingestion of drugs laced with these chemicals causes the body to not properly form blood clots.**

**Hepatitis A may disturb blood clotting abilities. The presence of liver injury due to Hepatitis A, and the simultaneous exposure to the Synthetic Cannabinoids also causes a bleeding disorder. This may put a person at even greater risk of potential fatal bleeding than patients using synthetic cannabinoids without having Hepatitis.**