

Bath Salts & K2:101

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Make no mistake. “Bath Salts” have nothing to do with those you may use in your tub. “Bath Salts” or “Plant Food” are the common names used for a new designer drug that mimics meth. They are marketed under the names “Ivory Wave”, “Plant Fertilizer”, “Vanilla Sky” and “Bliss”. Fake pot or weed is the common name for synthetic marijuana and marketed under names like “Spice”, “K2” and “Blaze”.

Bath Salts and K2 are extremely dangerous to users. Over the past six months, hospitals across our state have seen a jump in patients using these products. Poison control centers have received a spike in related calls. A recent death of a SC college student using K2 was reported.

Law enforcement is now able to go into businesses that continue to sell these drugs and enforce the new regulation. Ignorance of the new regulation is no excuse.

Anyone who manufactures, distributes, possesses, imports or exports these substances is guilty of a felony and punishable up to five years in prison with \$5,000 in fines for a first offense. SCSA will be working with SLED and DHEC in January to pass a permanent law making these dangerous products illegal.

To report someone involved with one of these illegal drugs or any one of the banned chemicals used to make these illegal drugs, such as mephedrone, methylone and methylenedioxypyrovalerone (MDPV), please call your local Sheriff’s Office.

This is a job that needed immediate action and we worked closely with SLED and DHEC to get it done. We are the South Carolina Sheriff’s Association. Working together, we solve problems. This is who we are and what we do.