

Warning To Retailers: K2 Sale Is A Criminal Act



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Retailers and convenience store owners and clerks in Texas need to be on the alert to not sell a very specific product: “K2.” This product is often marketed as incense, but is basically synthetic marijuana.

K2 – also known as “Spice,” “Genie,” “Fire & Ice,” and “Zohai” – is typically sprayed with a chemical compound that mimics or has the effect of marijuana. As we all know, possessing or selling marijuana in Texas has been illegal for a very long time. However, as a new Texas law, it is illegal to manufacture, sell, or possess K2, given that K2 has wrongful chemical elements.

Police, law enforcement investigators, and sheriff deputies will be looking for indications that retailers possess or may sell K2, Spice, Genie, Fire & Ice, or Zohai. Anyone caught manufacturing, selling, or possessing the illegal substances will face criminal drug charges, fines, and jail time.

K2 is dangerous. The reported side effects of using K2 include hallucinations, severe agitation, elevated heart rate, increased blood pressure, chest pains, blackouts, tremors, seizures, and cardiac infarction. The Texas Poison Center Network has reported several hundreds of calls related to K2.

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