

"Zombie" Cases

Bath salts users are being compared to zombies. While under bath salts, people act very abnormal and go into a state never seen before by enforcement and medical personnel. It is happening in all regions of the country.

- ◆ In West Virginia, a man high on bath salts was found wandering the woods in lingerie after he allegedly stabbed a goat. (MSNBC.com)
- ◆ In Pennsylvania, police arrested a couple high on bath salts who had nearly cut their 5-year old daughter with a knife, which they were using to stab the "90 people" they believed were living in the walls. (MSNBC.com)
- ◆ In Miami, a man high on bath salts attacked a man and ate 80% of his face. (Miamiherald.com)
- ◆ In California, two 15-year-old boys fell violently ill and developed small holes in their lungs after taking bath salts. (Empowernetwork.com)

For Help



If you or someone you know is experiencing a drug related emergency on campus, call Public Safety (401) 254-3333 or HELP from a campus phone. If off campus call 911.

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Public Safety

(401) 254-3611

Health Education Program

(401) 254-3413

Center for Counseling and Student Development

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Health Services

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BATH SALTS



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What are bath salts?

Bath salts are being used for something completely different than soaking in a bath. They are sold in gas stops, small stores, head shops, etc., in small packs. These packages can contain tablets, capsules, or powder.

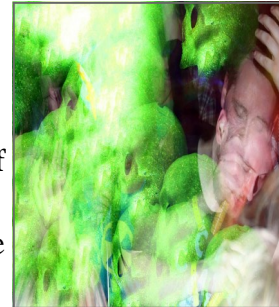
Bath salts are synthetic, meaning they are created in a lab. The chemicals in them are stimulants that give effects similar to that of cocaine, LSD, meth, and ecstasy. They stimulate the central nervous system, and put it into overdrive. Bath salts increase the brain's dopamine and norepinephrine levels and trap these high levels for a relatively long period of time. (www.abovetheinfluence.com)

Use. Bath salts can be snorted, swallowed, smoked, or injected. Swallowing and snorting are the most common routes of administration. Drug users report initially feeling warmth, euphoria, and relaxation, before the dangerous effects of the drug kick in. (ABCnews.com)



Dangerous Effects

- ♦ very vivid hallucinations
- ♦ extreme paranoia
- ♦ elevated heart rate/blood pressure/and pulse
- ♦ extremely high body temperature
- ♦ hostility/aggression
- ♦ strange eye movements
- ♦ extreme sweating
- ♦ panic attacks
- ♦ nausea
- ♦ cold fingers
- ♦ increase tolerance of pain
- ♦ involuntary muscle movement



The most dangerous aspect of this drug is that it is available to anyone. At this moment, it's a **legal** drug.

There exists a very high probability of getting an overdose. The human body only needs 3-5 mg of the chemicals contained in bath salts to experience it's effects and most packets contain 250 mg. Recommended dosage on the packets is 5-20 mg, which increases the likelihood of negative effects.

Bath Salts and the Law

At this moment the only way to determine if someone has taken bath salts is by urine and hair analyses using gas chromatography-mass spectrometry.

Just recently, the President of the United States has signed a bill into law, banning the sale, production, and possession, of more than two dozen common bath salt drugs. However, bath salts producers are constantly changing the chemicals in this drug in order to protect themselves from the law. U.S. Laws prohibit the sale or possession of all substances that mimic illegal drugs, but only if federal prosecutors can show that they are intended for human use. The problem is that bath salts producers are packaging this drug and labeling it as "plant food", "incense", or actual "bath salts" and they are getting away with it; for now. (<http://www.uticaod.com/news/x478687440/President-Obama-signs-Schumer-law-banning-bath-salts>)

