

SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA **DANGEROUS AND DEADLY**

Growing Rapidly as a Drug of Abuse

Poison control centers nationwide received 7,000 calls related to synthetic marijuana exposure in 2011 – a 139% increase from 2010

More than 140 cases were reported to poison control in New Jersey in 2011 – an increase of 711%

Of New Jersey's 2011 cases, 70% originated in Middlesex, Ocean, Monmouth, Morris, Mercer, and Atlantic counties

Synthetic marijuana is the third most commonly abused drug by high school seniors nationwide, after marijuana and abused prescription drugs