

Protecting Ohio's Families



RID YOUR COMMUNITY OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS



Attorney General Mike DeWine's office is helping local law enforcement and prosecutors take a creative approach to the illegal sale of synthetic drugs.

Civil lawsuits — which the Ohio Attorney General's Office can help local officials file at no cost to their jurisdictions — can be an expedient, cost-effective way to curtail the sale of these dangerous products. The lawsuits can hold retailers who sell these drugs accountable for creating a public nuisance and violating consumer laws that prohibit fraudulent advertising and labeling.

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If a business is proven to be selling illegal synthetic drugs, Ohio law allows authorities to:

- Declare the business a public nuisance
- Shut it down
- Withdraw its liquor license
- Hold landlords, store owners, and employees accountable

The cause for concern



Marketed as bath salts, incense, potpourri, window cleaner, plant food, and other products, these brightly packaged drugs are available in many carry-outs, gas stations, and convenience stores.

The drugs — which contain synthetic chemicals similar to amphetamines — pose serious threats to users as well as to law enforcement officers, medical personnel, and others who come in contact with users.

Signs of use can include agitation, paranoia, hallucinations, chest pains, high blood pressure, and increased pulse. Suicidal thinking and behavior are also common, often persisting after the drugs' stimulatory effects have worn off.

Contact us for assistance



If retailers in your area are selling synthetic drugs, contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office to explore the possibility of filing civil lawsuits.

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