

## Pseudo-drugs Now Illegal

The [Washington State Department of Health](#) announced that the sale and possession of pseudo-drugs such as "bath salts," "Spice," "K-2," "plant food," "Ivory Wave" and "White Lightning" is now illegal. The chemicals, which recently saw a rise in popularity and sales in tobacco stores and head shops, mimic the effects of cocaine, LSD, ecstasy and/or methamphetamine. An Oct. 3 news release from the DOH indicates that "products containing synthetic marijuana (cannabinoids) or synthetic stimulants (substituted cathinones) are illegal under a ban by the state [Board of Pharmacy](#)." The DOH notes that these substances are now classified as Schedule I controlled substances, which represents the strictest level of control and enforcement. According to the DOH, the Board of Pharmacy enacted two emergency bans starting in April to figure out how to combat the rising use of these chemicals. The ban will go into effect no later than Nov. 3, and "gives clear authority to law enforcement to prosecute for the manufacture, distribution, sale and possession of these substances."

<http://www.seattlepi.com/local/sound/article/State-bans-bath-salts-and-other-formerly-legal-2201047.php>

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