

## **“Street Drug” Causing Life-threatening Reactions**

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**(Newark, NJ) – April 22, 2015** — The New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES), a division of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health of the New Jersey Medical School of Rutgers University Biomedical Health Sciences along with state health officials are warning people not to use products sold as synthetic marijuana (often called spice, k2, etc.).

In the past week, there have been approximately 30 people admitted to hospitals in NJ and many more in NY suffering the consequences of using these products. As of now, no one really knows what is in these substances. However, what is known is that people are getting very sick from it; severe agitation, seizures, renal failure, and other life-threatening reactions are being reported.

Please warn your loved ones about the dangers of these substances. For more information, please contact a poison expert at 800 222 1222.

**Help is Just a Phone Call Away!**