

# PUBLIC HEALTH FACT SHEET



HEALTH DIVISION  
Department of Health & Human Services

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## “Bath Salts”

A designer drug

### What are “Bath Salts”?

“Bath Salts” are a new designer drug, not the commercially manufactured bath salts that people purchase to use in the bath tub. “Bath Salts” may contain a number of synthetic chemicals including Methylenedioxypropylamphetamine (MDPV). MDPV is a chemical that is not approved for medical use. It is not controlled by the Drug Enforcement Administration. “Bath Salts” may also contain Mephedrone, which is a Schedule 1 drug in Michigan. A Schedule 1 controlled substance is a substance that has high potential for abuse and has no accepted medical use in treatment in the United States or lacks accepted safety for use in treatment under medical supervision. Recent research suggests that Bath Salts can produce a combined effect similar to both Methamphetamine and Cocaine.

### What are street names for “Bath Salts”?

Ivory Wave, Aura, Zoom 2, Zeus 2, Cosmic Blast, White Rush, Vanilla Sky, Purple Rain, Cloud Nine, Ocean, Charge Plus, Scarface, Hurricane Charlie, Red Dove, White Dove, Sextasy and White Lightning among others titles.

### What are the health effects of “Bath Salts”?

Using “Bath Salts” can be very harmful. The current research shows that the following can occur from using “Bath Salts”:

- Homicidal and/or suicidal tendencies (sometimes violent behavior)
- Extreme paranoia
- Psychiatric symptoms may persist
- Delusions (many describe being chased by demons, gods, aliens or foreign soldiers)
- Increased heart rate
- Chest pains
- Dizziness
- Panic attacks
- Nose bleeding
- Nausea

### What is the legal Status in the United States?

Some states started banning “Bath Salts” including Louisiana, Florida and North Dakota. Several other states, including Michigan; are considering legislation to permanently ban these products.

### What do Parents Need to Know?

Parents should supervise their child’s activities, know who their friends are, and monitor their surroundings.

Products used for a “legal” high could contain a number of ingredients that can change from day to day. The label may advertise the product as being legal when in fact the product may contain ingredients that are banned or illegal in Michigan.

Individuals with “Bath Salt” related medical concerns or questions are asked to call the Michigan Toxic Hotline at 800-648-6942.

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# Resources

## **Oakland County Health Division/Office of Substance Abuse Services**

OCHD/OSAS

[http://www.oakgov.com/health/program\\_services/sas\\_about.html](http://www.oakgov.com/health/program_services/sas_about.html)

248-858-0001

- Eligibility for OSAS funded programs
- Substance abuse fact sheets
- Oakland County substance abuse programs
- Treatment weblinks
- Prevention weblinks
- In Touch substance abuse Newsletter
- Treatment/PACE information
- Prevention services

## **Prior Authorization and Central Evaluation Program (PACE Program)**

PACE is the first step to substance abuse treatment services for low income residents in Oakland County.

248-858-5200 or 888-332-3521

## **Alcohol & Drug Abuse**

Alcoholics Anonymous 248-332-3521

Alanon 248-706-1020

Narcotics Anonymous 248-543-7200

Program & Prevention Information 248-858-0001

Treatment Information PACE 248-858-5200

Toll Free 1-888-350-0900, ext. 85200

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