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Mandatory Reporting of Synthetic Cannabinoids Intoxication and Overdose

July 30, 2015

Montgomery County has experienced an outbreak of medical emergencies associated with synthetic cannabinoids over the past several months. This has been documented by area emergency departments as well as MCHD EMS who has documented at least 75 cases over the past two months. These trends are consistent with reports from around the state as well as the National Poison Control Center who noted a 500% increase in reports between March and April.

In discussion with other health departments in the region, we have determined this to be the most significant health threat due to drugs in the region. Because the drugs are relatively new, we are lacking diagnostic coding to appropriately detect rates of intoxication and overdose. This information is vital to appropriately track the magnitude of the problem in the county as well as in measurement of the effects of interventions to address this crisis.

- As a result of this public health concern, **effective August 1, 2015**, Intoxication or Overdose (known or suspected) of Synthetic Cannabinoids **must be** reported to Poison Control by utilizing the attached form.

These drugs may collectively be referred to as “fake bake” and include:

- Kush
- Serenity
- XXX Climax
- Killa Gorilla
- Bad Dragon
- K2
- Spice
- Blaze

As a reminder, overdoses of Penalty 1 group drugs must also be reported (To Poison Control) under Section 161.042 of the Texas Health and Safety code. This includes:

- Opiates (without combinations of non-narcotics)
- Cocaine
- LSD
- PCP
- Designer Amphetamines
- Rohypnol
- GHB

Thank you for your assistance in improving the public health of our county!

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Synthetic Cannabinoids Report Sheet

If you need assistance in the medical management of any overdose **DO NOT** use this form, please call 1-800-222-1222.

Please call the above number or fax the form(s) by the end of each shift to the closest center: Texas Panhandle Poison Center in Amarillo (806-354-1667); North Texas Poison Center in Dallas (214-590-5008); West Texas Regional Poison Center in El Paso (915-534-3809); Southeast Texas Poison Center in Galveston (409-772-3917); South Texas Poison Center in San Antonio (210-567-5718); Central Texas Poison Center in Temple (254-724-7408)

Date of Incidence:	Age:	Sex:
Facility Reporting Overdose:		
County of Reporting Agency:		
Other Substances:		
Symptoms:		
Treatment:		
Disposition of Patient:	<input type="checkbox"/> Discharged	<input type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Death
Report completed by:		
Phone number of person completing form:		

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