

# Deadly Highs | European authorities are fighting an influx of new drugs



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## **Mephedrone** ▲

Also known as Meow Meow, Drone and M-Cat. Similar to amphetamines. Responsible for at least two deaths in Europe. Now banned in most European countries.

## **Naphyrone**

Also known as NRG-1. Similar to amphetamines. The U.K. this week announced a ban on it.

## **BZP**

Manufactured from piperazine, a substance used to treat intestinal roundworm infestations. BZP was investigated in the 1970s as a potential antidepressant, but the work was abandoned when it was found that the drug had stimulant properties similar to amphetamines.

Sources: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction; U.K. Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs

## **Spice** ▲

A synthetic cannabinoid, similar to cannabis. It is sprayed on herbal leaves and smoked. Banned in most of Europe.

## **MDAI**

First developed as an experimental antidepressant by scientists at Purdue University. Never licensed for medical use. Similar to MDMA, better-known as ecstasy.