

On 23 December 2009 a range of previously 'legal highs' were made illegal and controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

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NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES: **THE LAW**



Benzylpiperazine (BZP)

What is it?	Slang names	Effects	Law
A man-made chemical compound that may come in a tablet, capsule or off-white powder. It can come in many shapes and has been sold as 'ecstasy', using symbols commonly found on 'ecstasy pills'. It can also come in a range of coloured capsules and has been marketed as 'legal E'.	Beans Pep Euphoria Happy pills Herbal highs Party pills Pep love Silver Bullet Smileys	Agitation Anxiety Decreased appetite Difficulty in sleeping Fits or seizures Paranoia collapse Talkative Vomiting Wired or buzzy	Class C: BZP and related piperazine compounds such as TFMPP, DBZP and mCPP are class C drugs. Illegal to possess, supply or sell. 

Gamma-Butyrolactone (GBL)

What is it?	Slang names	Effects	Law
An oily colourless liquid with a weak odour and slightly salty taste. It is a legitimate solvent in the chemical industry and found in products such as paint strippers and stain removers. It's usually found in small bottles (with or without a pipette) or in capsules.	Coma in a bottle G Liquid E Liquid ecstasy (These terms can also apply to GHB.)	Very similar to GHB. GBL converts to GHB shortly after entering the body. GBL can be lethal when mixed with alcohol. Feelings of euphoria Reduced inhibitions Arousal Coma Death Drowsiness Hypothermia Nausea Reduced heart rate Seizures Unconsciousness	Class C: GBL and related chemical 1,4-BD are class C drugs (when intended for human ingestion). 

Synthetic cannabinoids

What is it?	Slang names	Effects	Law
These are man-made chemicals designed to mimic THC in cannabis. These are sprayed onto 'inert' plant ingredients and sold as 'herbal smoking mixes'. They are found in branded products such as 'Spice', which is sold in a foil pouch/packet.	Amsterdam Gold Incense Herbal smokes San Pedro Cactus Spice Gold Spice Tropical Spice Egypt Yucatan Fire	There is little evidence of their harms and effects, but it's thought they could produce effects similar to cannabis. 	Class B: There are many hundreds of these synthetic cannabinoids but you can't tell whether or not a 'smoking mixture' contains them simply by looking; forensic analysis will be required. Cannabis warnings or PNDs are not available for this drug.