

EDM

Trends & Culture



What is EDM? EDM stands for Electronic Dance Music. This music culture is a large but steady growing music culture with a large following of all ages. (The core age group is approximately 18-24 years old.) EDM type events can be associated with events formerly known as Raves. EDM events can have hundreds to thousands of attendees. They can be held at event centers, camp outs, a field in a rural town or even venues the size of motor speedways.

For years, we have seen overdoses (some being fatal) at these events. Designer drugs, combined with dancing and the heat, can be major contributors in the deaths. The sheer number of attendees can be overwhelming to law enforcement, emergency rooms, paramedics and the general community.

This bulletin shows some of the common themes that can be associated with these events. Please remember these are simply identifiers. Standing alone, the indicators could mean nothing, or they can possibly have an association with the drug world.



TERMS & LOGOS

KANDY or KANDI

The colorful, possibly plastic, jewelry-like items, including: beaded bracelets or necklaces that may have drug, party or alcohol terms beaded into the bracelet

PLUR

Stands for Peace, Love, Unity and Respect - A Popular Culture Term

MOLLY

A slang term for the drug Ecstasy

LUCY

A slang term for LSD

TRIP or TRIPPIN

Slang for being high or high on Acid / LSD

OTHER POPULAR DRUGS:

Various synthetics such as spice, bath salts, flakka, marijuana, and alcohol mixing.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Glow sticks, finger lights, pacifiers, stash compartments, vape pens, clothing that focuses on out-of-world or out-of-body experience and inhalants.

Recently a handful of overdose deaths have made it into the national media:

June 2015 Washington DC

June 2015 Chicago Illinois

June 2015 Las Vegas Nevada

Things to Consider:

These events are promoted under many different names that don't make strong references to EDM. TERMS to pay attention to: "galactic", "out of this world", "out-of-body", or "universe-type experience". This is the same type of experience, many people who are hallucinating, will report.

Since many events are all ages, we tend to have young attendees present at the events. Depending on the laws and the policies of the location, alcohol might still be served. Without 21-and-over restrictions, it can be difficult to keep the alcohol away from minors.



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The Sweeping Trend of Dabbing & Marijuana Concentrates

There is a new trend that is currently sweeping the country and is overwhelming some law enforcement, educators, safety officials, and parents. The term for this new trend is called “dabbing” but at a street level it is referred to as marijuana wax, oil or concentrates. As many would expect when they hear the word marijuana, what comes to mind is a green leafy substance that is smoked through a glass marijuana pipe or a bong. The first thing that you need to do is get that image, knowledge of standard paraphernalia and terms out of your mind. This “new” marijuana is completely different than anything we have dealt with in the past. Some of the initial names are WAX, Budder and BHO (Butane Honey Oil or Hash Oil).

What is marijuana concentrates? Marijuana concentrates are the extracted resins from green leafy marijuana which can raise the THC content from the standard street level 15% THC to 60-90% THC. Also, concentrates are not green or leafy...they look like wax, butter, oil or amber colored glass shards, called “shatter” (see photo #1). Concentrates are commonly extracted using butane (when run through the dry herbal marijuana buds it extracts the THC). The watery/waxy THC is then heated to bubble off the butane. The use of butane is not the only method to create concentrates, but it is the most popular. Once packaged, this product can simply look like a small portion of wax. Concentrates can also be laced with other drugs or put into various food products. Obviously, this changes the delivery method and makes identification more discrete.

Using butane, a common fuel, for extraction, has its problems. The use of butane has caused multiple explosions all over the country, including one in a university housing complex near the University of Montana, in October of 2014 and countless more in 2015. These explosions have killed and severely burned people of all ages, nationwide.

Dabbing has many street names: dabs, butter, budder, amber, honey, oil, or BHO. You will also see clothing or items with the term “710”. This term is similar to the street level term of 420 which is the universal time and date to get high. In this case, 710 is the word “OIL” turned upside down (see photo #2), making it a popular drug reference.

Along with the incredibly high THC, marijuana concentrates have some non-traditional symptoms. Some users report hallucinations, passing out, extreme highs (even from small portions), along with high levels of impairment. This high impairment has led to some



Individuals overdosing on the product including an incident late last year involving teenagers in southern Utah.

Advanced Paraphernalia: After creating the marijuana concentrate, the subject uses a more specific bong or pipe which is called an “Oil Rig” to smoke the wax. A popular trend is to use a device that looks like a standard e-cigarette, specific to concentrates and oils, for use of various marijuana-based products instead of nicotine. These devices have electric heating sources and are made for smoking wax, oil, dry herbal marijuana or shatter. These e-cigarettes are very discrete and “stealthy” and can be hard to identify as drug paraphernalia while putting off very little odor.

The “dabbing” movement is extremely popular, evolving quickly and there are many different types of paraphernalia, terms, logos, and concentrate types coming into our communities. As this trends popularity continues to skyrocket with individuals of all ages, we need to continue to educate ourselves on the dangers and paraphernalia associated with the trend of “dabbing”.

Another Way of Use of High Potency Marijuana-Edibles (food):

Edibles are not your everyday foods or candy. Edibles are items that are laced with various levels of THC content. The most difficult part of marijuana edible is that it can look like many everyday item. There have been documented overdoses of marijuana edibles due to the fact that most people don't realize how much of the drug they are actually consuming. There are plenty of news articles out there that highlight the impact of marijuana edibles. Some of these items are sold over the counter in some states. Law Enforcement and Educators in many states have located various types of illegally possessed marijuana edibles on minors and adults.

Terms, Logos & Identifiers:

- ✓ BHO-Butane Honey Oil or Butane Hash Oil
- ✓ Budder, Butter or Wax/Oil
- ✓ Concentrates or Essential Oils
- ✓ Shatter or Crumble
- ✓ Amber, Honey or Nectar



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Photo #1



Photo #2
710 / OIL

Marijuana Waxes

Aka "Dabbing"

Including Shatter & Edibles



**Educational Tool
for:**

- Prevention
- Treatment
- Educators
- Law Enforcement



**Note the Different Varieties of
Marijuana Concentrates, Edibles and Products.
These products contain THC (active ingredient in Marijuana),
but may be hard to identify, and may look similar to any
standard product.**



The Various Forms of Concentrates

EDIBLES

Marijuana Edibles are foods that contain THC and may look like various forms of candy, granola bars, crackers and beverages. Edibles can also be mixed with other foods or drinks for personal use (not commercially sold). Edibles can look like just about anything.

MARIJUANA WAX

This form of marijuana can look like butter, lip balm, paste or even simple wax. It does **not** look like the typical, green leafy substance.

SHATTER

A glassy form of marijuana that can be very thin and /or hard wax substance. The colors can vary from light amber to dark brown.

MARIJUANA OIL

This is a THC oil that can look similar to motor oil. When used in a vape pen, marijuana oils can look similar to standard nicotine oil.

TOPICALS

These items can be lotions, patches, eyedroppers, etc. Most packaging lists the THC but the packaging may not be familiar. Also, identification may be difficult just because of the sheer nature of the product.

The Basics of E-Devices or Electronic Cigarettes & Vaporizers

There simply are no absolutes when it comes to these devices. The device can be loaded with any product they choose.

But, there are devices that can be geared toward a specific use. Basically, you can't just view a device (even one that you believe might be geared towards drug use) and know it is being used for illegal use. Thankfully, there are red flags to be aware of. (See below.)

With the increasing popularity of e-devices, we have seen an upswing in the illegal use of these devices.

E-devices can carry many different uses. Certain e-devices are used for liquid forms of nicotine, liquid flavoring or various forms of marijuana.

Common terms to describe the devices, used for drug use, are the words "discrete" and "stealthy".

There can be several forms, colors, odors and textures inside of the bowl /tank area of the e-device.

Dry Herbal Tank With Marijuana Tar



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Vape Pen & Portable Vaporizers

Possible **RED** Flags (No Absolutes):

- ✓ A coil with what looks like wax, butter, or a small shard of an amber or black tar colored substance
- ✓ A coil or tank that has a tar like substance within or around the tank area
- ✓ Finally the odor of marijuana



Marijuana Wax / Shatter



The 3 Common Parts of Many Vape Pens

#1 The "Mouthpiece"

The mouthpiece is located on the top of the device and used to smoke the contents of the device. Most mouthpieces can be pulled or twisted off the device.

#2 The "Tank"

The tank of the device is generally located on the top or in the middle of the device. This can usually be found by taking off the mouthpiece. The contents will be located within this area. Something of note, the tank can also be located on the bottom of the vaporizer, depending on the type. Various different tanks will work for liquids (which could be nicotine, simple flavoring, or an oil version of drugs), dry herbal marijuana or waxy marijuana concentrates.

#3 The "Battery"

The battery is generally located on the bottom one-half or two-thirds of the device. The battery can be pre-charged allowing the user to avoid the need of any cords or battery packs.

