

WARNING about “Poppers”

What are “Poppers”?

“Poppers” are the common name for a group of products that are used as a drug to get high and/or to increase sexual pleasure.



What types of products are “Poppers”?

Poppers can contain a variety of different chemicals known as nitrites. Some examples include amyl nitrite, isobutyl nitrite and isopropyl nitrite. These products are often mislabeled and sold as “air freshener”, “deodorizer”, “VHS cleaner”, “tape cleaner”, and many others. They are typically sold in a small bottle containing 30-60 mL of liquid. Some brand names include: “Rush”; “Jungle Juice” or “Quick Silver”.

How are “poppers” used?

“Poppers” are intended to be INHALED to cause their desired effects. The effects happen quickly after use but last for several hours. These products SHOULD NEVER BE INGESTED.



What are the dangers?

“Poppers” can cause serious toxicity even after intended use. This may include passing out, trouble breathing, seizures, irreversible organ failure, and even death. Call 911 immediately if someone has any symptoms after using “poppers”. Even if someone is not having symptoms after ingesting the liquid, **call 911 and seek immediate medical attention** as serious symptoms may be delayed.



In case of an exposure, or for information, call the Upstate New York Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222

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