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Controlled Dangerous Substance - Foxy 2012-026

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Calvert County and Prince Georges County have recently experienced the emergence of a controlled dangerous substance known as Foxy. Several seizures of the drug have been made in both counties.

Foxy and foxy methoxy are common names for a synthetic drug with the chemical name 5-methoxy-N, N-diisopropyltryptamine (5-MeO-DIPT). Abused for the hallucinogenic effects it produces, foxy belongs to a class of chemical compounds known as tryptamines.







Foxy is typically available as a powder, capsule, or tablet. (Generally the powder is placed into capsules or pressed into tablets before it is sold to users.) Some capsules and tablets contain foxy powder mixed with blue, green, red, purple, tan, orange, gray, or pink powders. The tablets sometimes are embossed with logos such as a spider or an alien head.

Foxy is typically consumed orally in 6- to 20-milligram dosages, although dosage amounts vary widely. The drug also may be administered via smoking or snorting. Typically, users begin to feel the drug's effects 20 to 30 minutes after administration. The hallucinogenic effects peak after approximately 60 to 90 minutes and generally last for 3 to 6 hours.

Foxy typically is abused by teenagers and young adults. The drug often is used at raves, nightclubs, and other venues where the use of club drugs, particularly MDMA (ecstasy), is well-established. Foxy can often be confused with Ecstasy due their similar appearance.

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Foxy produces a variety of negative physical and psychological effects in users. The physical effects include dilated pupils, visual and auditory disturbances and distortions, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

The psychological effects associated with the use of foxy include hallucinations, talkativeness, and emotional distress. Foxy also diminishes user inhibitions, often resulting in high-risk sexual activity. In addition, foxy is a dose dependent drug. This means that increasing the dose results in a corresponding increase in the intensity of the drug's effects. Doubling a 6-milligram dose, for instance, may produce effects similar to those associated with LSD.

Foxy is illegal. In April 2003, DEA temporarily designated foxy a Schedule I substance under the Controlled Substances Act. Schedule I drugs, which include heroin and MDMA, have a high potential for abuse and serve no legitimate medical purpose in the United States.

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