

KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF

KRATOM



KRATOM is a tropical plant native to southeast Asia with psychotropic or mind-altering compounds. It is commonly used as a pain reliever, a means of managing opioid withdrawal and a variety of conditions for which there is **no scientific proof of effectiveness**.

WHY IS KRATOM SO DANGEROUS ?

- Very highly addictive
- Withdrawal is very difficult & may require medical treatment
- Unregulated with no safety standards, making it difficult to gauge the effect of a given dose
- No age restriction for purchase
- Tolerance develops quickly & over time a higher dose is needed to achieve the same effect
- Can be purchased without a prescription
- Being sold openly at **LOCAL** convenience stores & gas stations

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH RISKS ?

- Psychotic symptoms, including hallucinations, delusion & confusion
- Hallucinations
- Seizures
- Hepatotoxicity (liver damage)
- Tachycardia (heart rhythm disorder)

PARENTS ... TAKE NOTICE !

- Be aware of where Kratom is being sold in the community.
- Have a conversation with your child about the dangers of Kratom & other substances they may stumble up on in convenience stores & gas stations.
- Monitor your child's Internet purchases. Substances, like Kratom, can also be purchased on the Internet.