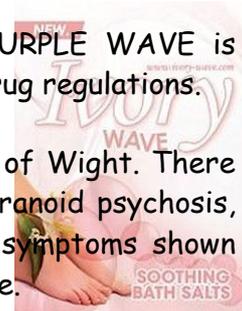


## JUST BECAUSE IT'S LEGAL DOESN'T MEAN IT'S SAFE

### **'Ivory Wave' / 'Ivory Coast'** a.k.a Vanilla Sky or Purple Wave

IVORY WAVE, aka as IVORY COAST, VANILLA SKY or PURPLE WAVE is labelled as "soothing" bath salts, to bypass the UK's food and drug regulations.

It is has been linked to the death of a young man in the Isle of Wight. There have also been reports of users attending A&E with acute paranoid psychosis, experienced very fast heart rates and agitation. The initial symptoms shown could be the "tip of the iceberg" with worse effects yet to come.



Little forensic testing has been carried out on samples of 'Ivory Wave', but of those tested, most have contained the active drug MDPV, along with cutting agents such as the common local anaesthetic Lidocaine.

MDPV, chemical name Methylenedioxypropylone (3,4-methylenedioxy) is a Class B drug. It is a cathinone derivative and was brought under the control of the Misuse of Drugs Act in April 2010 along with mephedrone and other related substances.

MDPV is more potent than other cathinones, so users who may be used to taking mephedrone or other similar drugs may be increasing the risk to their health by taking too much, in the mistaken belief that it will behave the same. Using MDPV can lead to the overstimulation of both the cardiac system and the nervous system, causing heart problems, agitation, hallucinations and fits. It is active at extremely low doses - as low as 5mg, as compared to around 100mg for other, similar stimulants - meaning users can inadvertently take huge overdoses, leading to psychosis and delusions.

If you have any concerns about a young person who is using drugs and/or alcohol, contact **ru-ok?** on **293966**.

Anyone who feels unwell after taking a legal high is urged to contact their GP or NHS 24 on 08454 242424.

In an emergency please either call an ambulance or go directly to A&E