



SENTRY

# An Early Warning and Response System



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**Did You Know...?** SENTRY was authorized by the National Synthetic Drugs Action Plan (2004), whose recommendation included the establishment of a comprehensive, interagency, early warning and response system to detect the emergence of new drugs and trends.

### Sentry Publications



#### Watches

These reports rely primarily on qualitative or anecdotal information and involve the collection of incident reports from a wide network of sources from the SENTRY electronic submissions. A DrugAlert Watch will inform and alert agencies to a newly recognized drug-related issue so that these agencies can take initial action.



#### Warnings

A DrugAlert Warning will combine the qualitative data collected in the DrugAlert Watch phase with quantitative data collected by NDIC analysts and our partners. Quantitative data may come from sources at a variety of partner agencies. We will also gather data from new sources such as state-level prescription drug monitoring programs and state early warning systems. At the warning level, agencies may be able to respond to the trend with formal action. Warning-level action might consist of law enforcement agencies identifying and targeting the source-of-supply for local distributors or treatment providers beginning formal studies into short- and long-term physical and psychological effects of abuse of the drug.



#### General News & Bulletins

As information warrants, SITREPs, Intelligence Bulletins, and other reports that present key analytical conclusions about what is currently occurring or what we expect to see in the near future are posted in this section.



**SUBMIT  
INFORMATION**

Ready to submit information on synthetic drug activity? Be prepared with a detailed description as well as the approximate date, location, and substance involved.

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