



Alert from the NDEWS Web Monitoring Team: Online mentions of NEP

Context: This drug was found based on Reddit discussion seen by the web-monitoring team in the past week.

What was found? *N*-Ethylpentedrone (NEP) is a synthetic cathinone that has experienced higher activity over the past year, with a recent spike in discussion.

What is *N*-Ethylpentedrone? NEP, also known as *N*-ethylnorpentedrone, is a chemical compound of the substituted cathinone class. Since the mid-2010s, NEP has been sold online as a designer drug. It is the *N*-ethyl analog of pentedrone.

How is it being discussed? Users on Reddit compare NEP to other stimulants, such as methamphetamine and 3-FPM. Discussions describe NEP as being used in both productivity and recreational contexts. Concerns about side-effects like vasoconstriction, inability to sleep for days, and swollen lips are also mentioned. Furthermore, users discuss NEP dosage and its potentially compulsive nature.

Drug Terms: *N*-Ethylpentedrone, α -ethylaminopentiophenone, α -EAPP, α -ethylaminovalerophenone, *N*-ethylnorpentedrone, NEP