



## Alert from the NDEWS Web Monitoring Team: Online mentions of N-ethylpentedrone

**What was found?** Analysis of online discussions indicates that interest in and use of N-ethylpentedrone has been on a consistent upward trend since February.

**What is N-ethylpentedrone?** N-ethylpentedrone, also known as NEP is a synthetic psychoactive chemical in the substituted cathinone class. N-ethylpentedrone is the N-ethyl analog of pentedrone.

**How is it being discussed?** Online discussions describe N-ethylpentedrone as a euphoric stimulant with a short duration of action, typically lasting only a few hours. Reddit users report that snorting is the preferred route of administration due to higher bioavailability compared to oral use. Some undesirable effects mentioned include the multi-day periods of nasal irritation, breathing difficulties, multi-day periods of wakefulness, and extreme hyperfocus, especially when redosing. Some discussants report insomnia and depressive symptoms upon cessation of use. Some conversation talks about mixing N-ethylpentedrone with depressants like benzodiazepines to ease comedowns and reduce compulsive redosing.

**Drug Terms Searched:** N-ethylpentedrone, NEP,  $\alpha$ -EAPP,  $\alpha$ -ethylamino-valerophenone, N-ethylnorpentedrone