

## Deadly drug easy to buy online

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SALT LAKE CITY — The DEA is warning parents about a new drug that is easily accessible to teens and is already in Utah. The street drug is known as N-Bomb, Smiles, or 25-i but no matter what it's called, the consequences can be deadly.

The drug is most commonly taken like breath strips — users put them on their tongue and a few seconds later it's dissolved quickly, releasing the drug into their system.

It's also very common as liquid drops, but the DEA said no matter the way it's ingested, it can have a deadly affect.

The drug is sold all over the internet and is very inexpensive, which can make teens gravitate towards it. The DEA acknowledges that the abusers obtain these drugs through unknown sources at this point.

The agency claims N-Bomb jumped on the radar in 2011 after several shipments of the compounds that make it up were confiscated by US Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol.

Toxicologists who've dealt first hand with the drug claim it's as potent as meth and LSD combined. Since 2012, 19 deaths have been reported. All of the people who died were younger than 25 years.

The DEA wrote up a seven page document last month trying to make N-Bomb a controlled substance, calling it "necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to the public safety"

On Friday, all three of the components that make this drug were listed as illegal for two years under the Controlled Substance Act.

According to the DEA, between 2011 and 2013, reports of N-Bomb spread between a number of states but it was most prevalent in Georgia, the Carolina's, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Louisiana. Utah also made it on the bottom of the list.

What's the risk to you? Something as innocent as touching the drug can cause health effects and as little as one drop of the N-Bomb can have the potentially deadly effects.