

DEA Evaluation of Kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*)

Federal analysis outlines kratom's risks, highlighting opioid-like effects, addiction potential, and increasing harm across communities nationwide.



FROM THE DEA FACT SHEET

NO ACCEPTED MEDICAL USE

- Kratom has no legitimate medical use in the United States

OPIOID-LIKE DRUG EFFECTS

- Act similar to morphine and reversed by naloxone

ADDICTION & WITHDRAWAL

- Kratom consumption can lead to addiction
- Documented withdrawal in chronic users

OVERDOSE & DEATH SIGNALS

- FDA data:
 - 1,486 cases (2008–2025)
 - 1,387 serious cases
 - 715 deaths involved

WIDESPREAD RECREATIONAL USE

- Increasing use as:
 - Opioid substitute
 - Self-treatment for withdrawal
 - Marketed online as a legal psychoactive product
- Available as:
 - Powder, capsules, extracts, resins

POLICY QUESTION FOR LAWMAKERS

Why is a substance that mimics opioids and is linked to addiction and deaths still sold without restriction?

SOURCE

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
Diversion Control Division
Drug & Chemical Evaluation Section
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