

SENTRY



The National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) SENTRY is an Internet-based system designed to collect and disseminate synthetic drug-related data in order to identify new trends at an early stage, evaluate their likely importance, and track their development.

SENTRY focuses on synthetic drugs that are primarily produced via a chemical process, such as LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide), MDMA (3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine, also known as ecstasy), and methamphetamine. To be truly effective as an early warning system, however, the system also monitors prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, botanical substances and extracts, and chemicals and products involved in the manufacturing of synthetic drugs.

SENTRY is accessible via the NDIC Internet site. From the SENTRY web site, authorized users can submit information on a new or unusual synthetic drug-related activity via an electronic submission form, link to partner agencies and our listserv, search and receive NDIC products, and view previously reported

submissions using the geographic information system capabilities.

SENTRY welcomes partnerships at multiple levels—federal, state, and local. Current partners include the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and National Institute on Drug Abuse. In addition, a network of correctional officers, drug diversion investigators, emergency medical personnel, forensic chemists, juvenile detention officers, law enforcement officers, medical toxicologists, school nurses, school resource officers, and treatment providers have joined the SENTRY partnership.

NDIC uses the information obtained through SENTRY, combines it with additional information, and produces and disseminates Drug Alert Watch and Drug Alert Warning reports. A Drug Alert Watch report is issued when a pattern of synthetic drug-related activity is first identified. The Drug Alert Watch report relies heavily on qualitative information obtained from our wide network of

partners. Once a pattern is established, NDIC continues collecting and evaluating additional information.

When a trend is detected, a Drug Alert Warning is issued. A Drug Alert Warning combines the qualitative data collected in the Drug Alert Watch phase with quantitative data collected by NDIC analysts and our partners.

SENTRY is operated by NDIC in coordination with ONDCP and supports the National Synthetic Drugs Action Plan.

A screenshot of the SENTRY website interface. The header features the SENTRY logo and the title "AN EARLY WARNING & RESPONSE SYSTEM". Below the header, there are several sections: "What is SENTRY?", "Why Participate?", "Did You Know...?", and "LOG IN TO SENTRY". The "LOG IN TO SENTRY" section includes a login form with fields for "User Name:" and "Password:", a "Log In" button, and links for "Forgot Password?" and "Issued/View/History". At the bottom, there is a disclaimer and contact information for the National Drug Intelligence Center.

To participate in SENTRY and report emerging synthetic drug-related issues in your area, please provide the following information, typed on your agency/organization letterhead and faxed to (814) 532-5858:

1. Contact information including:
 - Name and title of requester
 - Requester's role within your agency; please choose only one
 - Chemist
 - Education provider (teacher, administrator, school resource officer, or school nurse)
 - Law enforcement officer
 - Treatment provider specializing in drug abuse issues
 - Medical personnel (physician, nurse, emergency medical technician, or medical examiner)
 - Other, please explain
2. Complete mailing address
3. E-mail address
4. Phone number
5. Fax number

An NDIC Collections Management Group representative will phone you within 2 business days with your login information.

If you have questions or comments about SENTRY or NDIC intelligence products, please e-mail us at NDIC.Sentry@usdoj.gov.

For more information on NDIC or SENTRY, contact:

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The NDIC mission is to provide strategic drug-related intelligence and assistance to the drug control, public health, and national security authorities of the United States in order to reduce the adverse impact of drug trafficking, drug abuse, and related harms to the United States.



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