The adverse health consequences of and risks associated with new psychoactive substances have reached alarming levels

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Over 1000 individual NPS reported by 126 member States and territories.

*Note: 2020 data not finalised*
International Scheduling Decisions 2014 – 2020

Cannabinoids
Stimulants
Classic Hallucinogens
Sedative hypnotics
Opioids
Dissociatives

Current NPS Threats – 2020/2
Chemical structural classes of NPS with opioid effects reported to UNODC EWA, 2020

Source: UNODC Early Warning Advisory on NPS, 2020

Note: A total of 77 different synthetic NPS with opioid effects were reported to UNODC between 2009 and 2019 (but not all of them were reported each year). Plant-based substances were excluded from the analysis as they usually contain a large number of different substances some of which may not be known and their effects and interactions not fully understood. Data for 2019 are preliminary.