



SAFELY STORING EDIBLES

Learn how locking up and hiding cannabis can help protect small children and pets.

A SPIKE IN ACCIDENTAL CANNABIS POISONING

As cannabis use has become legalized in more states, accidental exposure or poisonings in children have increased, sometimes requiring visits to the emergency room or hospitalization.¹ Illinois has seen this trend among young children.²

Pet cannabis poisonings have also escalated in the state.³

WHY KIDS & PETS ARE AT GREATER RISK



Cannabis can be toxic to curious kids & pets.

Children may mistake cannabis edibles for regular food or candy¹, and pets may snatch them from the counter or trash.

Accidentally eating cannabis can be scary and dangerous for both groups. Due to the smaller size and lower weight of children, more severe reactions occur from ingested THC edibles compared to the effects in adults.⁴

To learn how to protect older kids from cannabis, visit LetstalkCannabisIL.com/Parents-and-Mentors.

SYMPTOMS OF CANNABIS POISONING



For young children,

symptoms can include drowsiness, loss of control and muscle coordination, increased heart rate, seizure and even coma.⁵



For pets,

the most common sign is stumbling. Others include urinary incontinence, lethargy, dilated pupils, vomiting, shaking, and agitation.⁶

Call 911 if your child needs immediate medical attention and contact a veterinarian if your pet eats cannabis. For non-emergency child poisonings, call the Illinois Poison Center at 800-222-1222.

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Help prevent a harmful accident.



Store edibles and cannabis products in a lockable, odor-proof container.



Hide this secure container in an area out of reach and out of sight. Consider high cabinets or locked drawers.

If you have additional questions regarding nonmedical marijuana use in Illinois, please email letstalkcannabisIL@prevention.org.



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