

# A RISING CONCERN

## PROTECTING KIDS FROM MARIJUANA POISONING

### Marijuana exposures in children are increasing.

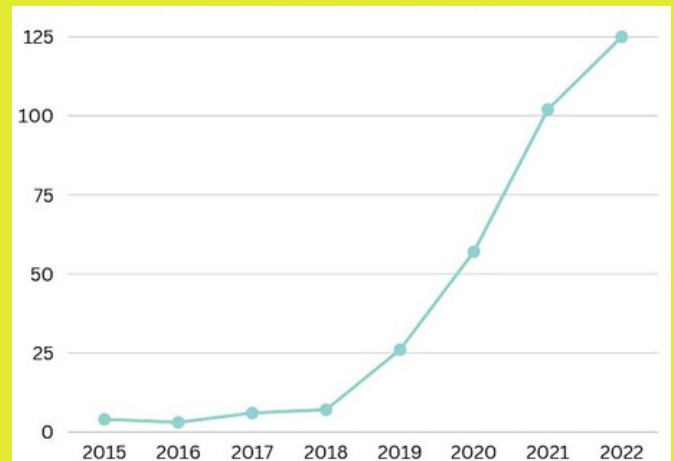
In 2022, the Missouri Poison Center received more calls than ever before related to marijuana exposure in children 5 years and younger.

### Factors contributing to these exposure cases include:

- Increased availability of high-THC marijuana products due to legalization,
- Enticing products that look similar to treats like candy and cookies, making it nearly impossible for children to tell the difference,
- Packaging includes multiple doses, increasing the likelihood that children will eat several powerful doses if they do get ahold of it.



### MARIJUANA EXPOSURES IN CHILDREN 5 YEARS AND YOUNGER



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### PREVENT A POISON EMERGENCY AT HOME

- **Save the Poison Help Line number in your phone, 1-800-222-1222, in case of emergency.**
- If you use, store marijuana products **up and out of sight** in child-proof containers or cabinets.
- Keep them in their **original packaging**, clearly labeled as marijuana.
- **Store separate** from food, candy, and medicines.
- Avoid using any marijuana products in front of children and **return the products to their out-of-reach location immediately after use.**

### SIGNS OF MARIJUANA POISONING

Children are much more likely than adults to experience **severe symptoms** if they mistakenly ingest marijuana products. Symptoms can take time (even hours) to appear and can last for several hours. These symptoms can include:

- Loss of balance
- Slurred speech
- Extreme tiredness or lethargy
- Paranoia or confusion
- A racing heart
- Difficulty breathing
- Seizure

**IF A CHILD IS EXPERIENCING THESE SYMPTOMS, GET HELP IMMEDIATELY.**



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