CANNABIS POISON PREVENTION





of Canadian parents agree that it's easy for a child to mistake cannabis edibles for candies or sweets

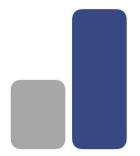
Why cannabis and kids don't mix

- Children's small body size and weight make them more vulnerable to cannabis poisoning
- Cannabis edibles often resemble common snacks, such as cookies, brownies and gummy candies. Children may be unable to tell the difference and unknowingly consume a large amount quickly



...but only

25%
of Canadian parents who consume edibles properly store their edibles



Since 2013, calls to poison centres for cannabis-related poisonings in children and youth have

doubled

How to prevent poisonings

The easiest way to prevent poisoning from cannabis is to safely store your cannabis products. Follow these simple tips:

- Always keep cannabis products in their original, child-resistant packaging;
- Ensure cannabis products are properly resealed and re-stored after each use;
- Store cannabis products in a high-up, locked cabinet, drawer or cupboard, where children can't see or reach them;
- Avoid using cannabis products in front of children. Children like to copy everything their parents do.
- Keep purses and bags belonging to you or visitors away from children. They may contain cannabis products or other harmful poisons.

Only **40 per cent of Canadian parents** report knowing about local poison control resources. Remember to keep your local poison centre phone number stored in your cellphone or in a visible location, such as on your fridge.

If unintentional poisoning occurs, contact your local poison centre. In case of loss of consciousness or difficulty breathing, call 911.

