

CANNABIS POISON PREVENTION



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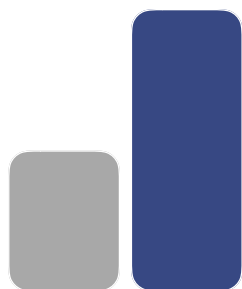
of Canadian parents agree that it's easy for a child to mistake cannabis edibles for **candies** or **sweets**



...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

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

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.

Visit parachute.ca/poisoning to learn more about how you can **#RethinkPoisons**.

