The increasing availability of marijuana edibles has brought to the forefront a pressing concern for child safety. In this infographic, we explore the potential risks associated with edibles and the importance of safeguarding the youngest members of society from unintended consequences.

**WHAT ARE EDIBLES?**

Products that contain THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana.²

Marijuana edibles can come in many forms such as cookies, brownies, gummies, lollipops and even juices.³

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**THE STATISTICS**

From 2017 and 2019, there were 4,172 calls to regional poison control centers regarding cannabis exposures in children through age 9. About half of the calls related to edibles.³

1,375% increase in cases of kids younger than age 6 accidentally ingesting cannabis from 2017 - 2021.⁴

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**DANGERS FOR KIDS**

Symptoms of Ingestion

1. Balance Issues, Loss of Coordination
2. Mild drowsiness to being unable to “wake up”
3. Trouble Breathing and Weakness

Children are at risk for increased toxicity due to the higher potency of edibles coupled with a child’s lower weight.⁶

22.7% of cases of kids younger than age 6 required hospitalization.⁴

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**SAFE STORAGE**

Find A Safe Place

- A cabinet that is out of sight and out of reach for small children.
- A locked box designed for medications.
- Keep in the original child-proof packaging

Talk to family members, friends, and caregivers to ensure they use safe storage if they keep marijuana or edibles in their house.¹

Do not store in the same place as non-marijuana food products.¹

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**Poison Control**

If you think your child has ingested marijuana, call the free poison control hotline as soon as possible for fast help.

1-800-222-1222

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1. https://www.childrenscolorado.org/conditions-and-advice/parenting/parenting-articles/safety/#:~:text=You%20can%20store%20them%20in%20a%20high%20cabinet,a%20locked%20box%20designed%20to%20keep%20medications%20safe

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