

Preventing Accidental Exposure



Lock it up.

Young children may confuse marijuana products for regular food or candy. Be sure all medical or recreational marijuana products are kept in child-resistant packaging, clearly labeled, and locked up. Children should not be able to see or reach the locked area. How you store marijuana should change as children get older. Safe storage around young children may not stop older children or teens.



Accidental ingestion.

If a child eats or drinks marijuana, they may need immediate medical help. Some symptoms to look out for include problems walking or sitting up, difficulty breathing, and becoming sleepy. If a child may have ingested marijuana, call the poison control hotline at (800) 222-1222. If symptoms are severe, call 911 or go to an emergency room immediately.

Preventing Youth Use

Safe storage is not always enough. Talk to youth about marijuana to help them better understand the risks.



Have open conversations.

Talk with youth about the risks to their developing brain.



Be a good role model for children.

Set a good example and create a safe environment. Actions speak louder than words. Do not use marijuana, alcohol or other substances around children.



Be honest.

Explain the health risks and legal consequences. Share how making positive choices can help them reach their goals.

For help talking with your children about the risks of using marijuana and other drugs, visit [TalkSooner.org](https://www.talksooner.org).

Know the Law



Buying or Selling

You must be 21. It is illegal to buy, have, or use marijuana if you are under 21 unless you have a medical card.

Do not sell it. It is illegal to sell marijuana if you do not have a license to sell. Adults over age 21 may give up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana to someone 21 or older but may not sell it, including homegrown product.



Using or Having

Can I smoke marijuana in my car?

Consuming any marijuana—from smoking to eating edibles—is still illegal while driving.

Follow grow rules. Michiganders may grow up to 12 marijuana plants per person in an enclosed, locked area. Check with local laws before you begin—rules may vary.

It's illegal to use in public. Marijuana in any form is not allowed in public places, including parks, concert venues, and indoor areas like restaurants and bars.

Check local marijuana laws and policies.

Cities, counties, schools, universities and employers may set their own rules and consequences. Check before you use.