

**Marijuana can be harmful to children.**

**Products should be clearly labeled and stored in child-safe containers.**



## Where can I get more information?

Contact your local department of social services.  
[www.dss.virginia.gov/localagency/index.cgi](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/localagency/index.cgi)

## Additional Resources

[www.dss.virginia.gov](http://www.dss.virginia.gov)  
[www.samhsa.gov/marijuana](http://www.samhsa.gov/marijuana)

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# Parents' Guide for Safe Storage of Marijuana



**Call 911  
immediately  
if your child  
seems ill or has  
difficulty  
breathing.**

## EMERGENCIES

**If you think your child ate/drank  
marijuana, get medical help right away.**

In children, watch for:

- Anxiety
- Difficulty breathing
- Lack of coordination
- Sleepiness
- Drowsiness
- Slurred speech



## BE ALERT AND PAY ATTENTION



## Signs and Symptoms

The signs and symptoms can vary from mild to severe. The body has to digest marijuana first to feel the effects, which can take some time. A child's reaction may not be right away, but can show up hours later.



## Edibles

Marijuana products like cookies, gummy bears, brownies, lollipops, and shakes can look like a treat to a child.



## Safe Storage

Store all marijuana products in a locked area and in childresistant packaging, or a lockbox.

Ensure children cannot see or reach the locked area.

Don't eat or smoke marijuana products around children. keep them safe.

**If you suspect your child  
has ingested marijuana or  
need more information,  
please contact Poison  
Control for assistance at  
**1-800-222-1222****

Find more  
information at:  
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and  
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