

Marijuana-Infused Products ("Edibles")

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Marijuana-infused products, often referred to as "edibles", are an important part of the burgeoning marijuana market. A marijuana-infused product refers to any food, drink, tincture or other product infused with marijuana that is often consumed orally.

For many consumers, these products are a better option than smoking. Infused products are also vital to people who use marijuana for medical reasons, because their effects last longer and can be manufactured with doses that meet patients' needs in a reliable way. However, proper regulation is necessary to ensure reliability and safety.

DPA believes that marijuana-infused products should be regulated and tested to ensure safety, quality and accuracy of information, that they should be labelled with detailed information to ensure that consumers are informed about what they are consuming and educated on how to safely consume, and that all edibles should be kept away from children.

DPA advocates for the following principles when it comes to marijuana infused products.

1) Edibles must be kept away from children.

- All edibles should be sold and kept in child-resistant packaging.
- The packaging on edibles should not be designed to attract or to appeal to children.
- Edibles should be kept in a secure place that children cannot access.

2) Edibles must be clearly labelled.

- All edibles should be prominently labelled that they contain marijuana so that they are not accidentally consumed.

- All edibles should be labelled with detailed information about the product, including at a minimum: production date, expiration date (if necessary), all ingredients contained in the product, nutritional information, total amount of active cannabinoids (THC, CBD, etc.) in the product in its final state, the number of servings in the product, and how many milligrams of active cannabinoids constitute a serving.
- All edibles should be labelled with a warning about the risks of driving or operating heavy machinery while under the influence. They should note that onset of effect might take up to two hours and last for up to 6-8 hours.

3) Edibles must be tested and satisfy standards for health and safety.

- All edibles sold should be subject to testing to confirm accuracy in labelling, quality, consistency and the absence of contaminants.
- All edibles sold should be produced in regulated facilities that meet food production safety standards.
- When possible, edibles should be packaged to reflect a reasonable or average dose rather than requiring the consumer to divide the product into multiple servings and risk over-consumption.

4) Consumers must be provided information on edibles and how to safely consume them.

- All edibles should be sold with information on how to safely consume them, with the direction to only eat one dose and then wait at least one hour before consuming more.