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Decriminalizing Marijuana May Land More Kids in the Emergency Room

States that decriminalized marijuana saw dramatic increases in kids requiring medical intervention, but overall unintentional (not on purpose) exposures to marijuana remain low.

A major problem is that high-dose edible marijuana products such as candy, chocolates and other baked goods look the same as regular food products

that don't contain any marijuana. It is important that youth and young adults be educated about the dangers of accidentally eating these products. Law makers in those states where marijuana is legal are trying to enforce child-resistant packaging, education and warning labels to help reduce the likelihood that children are exposed to marijuana products.

It is important to note that in the Federal Government and in the state of Indiana marijuana remains an illegal substance. It is important to educate youth and young adults about food products such as candies and chocolates that may appear to look like regular food which may in fact contain marijuana, to help prevent accidental eating of marijuana containing products.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



March 19th, 2014 is the annual “Kick Butts Day”. Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against Big Tobacco. On Kick Butts Day, teachers, youth leaders and health advocates organize events to:

- ◆ Encourage Youth to reject the tobacco industry’s deceptive marketing and stay tobacco free
- ◆ Raise awareness of the problem of tobacco use in their state or community
- ◆ Urge elected officials to take action to protect kids from tobacco

For more information go to www.kickbuttsday.org

National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week, March 16-22

This year, National Inhalants and Poisons Awareness week occurs from March 16th to March 22nd. During this week, communities take action to educate and increase understanding around inhalant abuse.

For more information visit: inhalant.org/nipaw/

Did you know?

- Inhalants are the fourth most-abused substance after alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana.
- Over 2.6 million children, ages 12 – 17, use an inhalant each year to get high.
- 1 in 4 students in America has intentionally abused a common household product to get high
- Inhalants tend to be the drug that is tried first by children.

The number of lives claimed by Inhalant Abuse each year is unknown because these deaths often are attributed to other causes. It’s important to understand the warning signs of inhalant abuse to catch abuse early.

