

MEDICAL CANNABIS Safe Storage



Storing Medical Cannabis Safely

If you use medical cannabis, it's important to store it safely away from children and pets. Just like any other drug, medication, or household chemical, cannabis and edibles must be kept secure and out of reach.

Safe storage helps ensure that only the certified patient or designated caregiver has access. Furthermore, proper storage inhibits mold and bacteria growth that may negatively impact health.

Keep Your Medical Cannabis Safe in a Lockbox

Kids, pets, or even curious visitors can get into medical cannabis if it's not locked up and out of sight. It's always best to keep cannabis in child-resistant packaging, and invest in a safe or lockbox to ensure the only person who can get to your medical cannabis is you.

If a child accidentally eats cannabis in any form, immediately contact a medical professional or call the poison control hotline (1-800-222-1222). Symptoms of an accidental cannabis poisoning include problems walking or sitting up, difficulty breathing, and becoming sleepy. If the reaction seems more severe, call 911 or go to an emergency room right away.

Talking to Your Kids About Medical Cannabis in the Home

When talking with your children about medications or other potentially harmful products, include medical cannabis in the conversation. Children should learn what medical cannabis looks like and know that only certified patients, or their designated caregiver(s), should access it.

Medical Cannabis Safe Storage Checklist

MY MEDICAL CANNABIS IS...

- In child-resistant packaging
- In a clearly labeled medicinal container
- In a locked cabinet or lockbox
- In the trunk while I am driving
- In a cool, dark place
- In a dry place
- In an airtight container
- Out of direct sunlight
- Away from heat sources
- In a glass or plastic container, not a plastic bag



**REMEMBER: USE IT RESPONSIBLY.
STORE IT RESPONSIBLY.**

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