

# Don't Run, Call 9-1-1!



There are two laws in South Carolina that protect you if someone around you experiences an overdose.

## 1. Good Samaritan Law

Provides criminal immunity to a person who calls the police or 911 to assist someone who is overdosing in an effort to save their life.

## 2. Overdose Prevention Act

Grants immunity from both civil and criminal prosecution, to doctors, pharmacists, caregivers, and first responders, who are engaged in the prescription, dispensation and administration of Naloxone (Narcan) in an opioid-overdose suspected case.



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# DAB PENS WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



## 01 What is a dab pen?

- A small, handheld device used to vape THC concentrates
- Often looks like a USB, marker, or highlighter
- Also called: vape pen, THC pen, wax pen

## 02 What's inside?

- THC oil or wax (much more concentrated than flower)
- THC levels can range from 60-98%
- May contain additives, flavorings, or solvents
- One hit can equal several joints



## 03 Why dab pens are risky:

- High THC increases the risk of: anxiety & panic attacks, memory & attention problems, and addiction
  - Easy to overuse because there's no clear "dose"
  - Odor is minimal, making it easier to hide

## 06 Legal Does Not Mean Safe

- Legal status does not mean harmless
- Dab pens are illegal for anyone under 21
- Sharing or selling can carry legal consequences

## 04 Hidden Dangers for Teens

- Developing brains are more vulnerable to high THC
- Linked to :
- Lower academic performance
  - Mood changes & depression
  - Higher risk of long-term dependence

## 05 Health Concerns

- Lung irritation and breathing issues
- Unknown long-term effects of vaping oils
- Some cartridges have been linked to serious lung injury

**Bottom Line:**  
Dab pens are powerful, discreet, and risky, especially for young people



# THC EDIBLES

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### 1 | WHAT ARE THC EDIBLES?

Food or drinks infused with THC (the psychoactive chemical in the marijuana plant)

Examples: gummies, brownies, chocolates, cookies, drinks etc.



### 2 | EDIBLES HIT DIFFERENT

Smoking/Vaping: effects in minutes.

Edibles: effects can take anywhere from 30 minutes to 2 hours.

Many people take more because they think it "isn't working," which increases overdose risk.



### 3 | WHY EDIBLES CAN BE RISKY

- Hard to know the right dose
- Effects last much longer (6-12+ hours)
- Easy to accidentally take too much which leads to an overdose
- Often look like regular candy or snacks



### 4 | TOO MUCH THC CAN CAUSE

- Anxiety or panic attacks
- Nausea and vomiting
- Rapid heart rate
- Confusion or paranoia
- Hallucinations
- Extreme Drowsiness
- Overdose

Emergency symptoms: chest pain, trouble breathing, fainting



### 5 | HIDDEN DANGER FOR KIDS & PETS

Edibles often look like candy. Even small amounts can cause serious symptoms in children, including confusion, vomiting, breathing problems, and extreme sleepiness. Many accidental poisonings happen at home.



### 6 | THC & THE TEEN BRAIN

The brain keeps developing until about age 25. Regular THC use can impact:

- Memory
- Learning
- Attention
- Decision-making

### NEED HELP OR MORE INFO?



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IF SOMEONE IS IN IMMEDIATE  
DANGER, CALL 911



# DECEPTIVELY DANGEROUS

## The Rise of THC Drinks



### What are THC Beverages?

- They are drinks (sodas, teas, or seltzers) infused with Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)- the psychoactive compound in marijuana.
- Often marketed as energy drinks or flavored waters which makes it easy to overlook as a drug.



### Why It's a Concern:

- **Attractive Packaging:** Often resembles popular soft drinks and can be mistaken by children/teens.
- **Delayed Effects:** People may consume more thinking it's not working, leading to overconsumption.
- **Potency:** Some have extremely high THC concentrations.
- **Legal Confusion:** May be available in stores despite marijuana being illegal in South Carolina.
- **Youth Access:** Can be appealing to minors, especially in gas stations or online.

THC drinks can take 30 minutes to 2 hours to kick in. Don't double up thinking it's not working!

### Health Risks

- Impaired judgment and coordination
- Increased risk of accidents or overdose
- Mental health effects: anxiety, paranoia, and psychosis (especially in teens)
- Heart issues, especially in those with preexisting conditions



# Top THC-Infused Beverage Brands



THC  
Drink

Energy  
Drinks

## How can these products be sold in SC when cannabis isn't legal?

- Marijuana is illegal in South Carolina
- But hemp-derived products are federally legal- with a catch
- The 2018 Farm Bill legalized hemp products with less than 0.3% Delta-9 THC by dry weight
- That small loophole allows manufacturers to:
  - Concentrate THC in liquids (like sodas or shots)
  - Use other psychoactive cannabinoids (Delta-8, HHC, THC-P, THC-O)
  - Skirt regulations and sell them legally in gas stations and shops

**Don't be Deceived**



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# 7-OH

## 7-HYDROXYMITRAGYNINE

### What is it?

7-hydroxymitragynine (aka 7-OH, 7-Hydroxy, &-OHMG, 7) is a powerful psychoactive compound that occurs naturally in very small amounts in the Kratom plant.

### Forms

Found in tablets, gummies, and drinks. Tablets seems to be the most commonly found product in Pickens County.

### Dangers

7-OH is approximately 13x more potent than morphine and binds to the opioid receptors in the brain carrying serious addiction & overdose risk. Tolerance and dependence can occur quickly.

### FDA Warning

The FDA recently released an alert calling it a "novel potent opioid" that consumers should avoid due to it having a high potential for abuse.



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# Kratom

“Natural” doesn’t always mean safe!

## What is Kratom?

- Kratom are leaves that contain two major psychoactive ingredients: mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine
- Marketed and sold as an energy booster, mood lifter, pain reliever or opioid withdrawal

## Body Systems Affected

- Brain: Confusion, hallucinations, seizures
- Heart: High BP, arrhythmia
- Lungs: Slowed breathing
- Liver: Liver damage
- Mood: Anxiety, aggression, depression, confusion

## Dosage Reaction

- Kratom at low doses acts as a stimulant (more alert, more energy)
- Kratom at higher doses acts as a sedative (slows brain activity)
- Due to this drug being dual reactive it is attractive to many users

## Main Risks & Side Effects

- Addiction/Dependence
- Withdrawal: anxiety, insomnia, muscle pain, tremors
- Chronic effects: weight loss, liver damage, anorexia, dry mouth
- Acute toxicity: seizures, hallucinations, psychosis

## FDA & Legal Status

- Kratom is NOT FDA approved
- No proven medical benefit
- Several states have enacted laws to limit access (including SC)
- 7-OH synthetic compound facts stricter regulation

## Sold As

- Capsules, powders, extracts, teas, chewable etc.



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