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Weed Candy

There are a number of states in which marijuana is legalized in some form, but there is always someone willing to take advantage by inventing new ways to package marijuana in a form that entices children into using the drug. The latest craze is "Weed Candy", candy infused with marijuana, has been popping up in cities like Los Angeles, New York and Philadelphia. The packaging may provide a warning that the item contains medical marijuana, for medical purposes only. However, that warning is only as good as the person willing to abide by the rules.

Although, we have not seen any examples of this in our community, it would be naïve to believe that it won't come here eventually. Drug dealers can add ingredients to it to give it a kick, and THAT is where the real danger lies.

The candy comes in all forms and has names that play off real candy products like Munchie Way, Green Gummies, Stony Rancher, Pot Tarts and Soda Pot. There are also handmade varieties to look like simple candies, but take a smell to see if it has an odor of marijuana. Certainly, if you do not have an idea of what the odor of marijuana is like, chances are when you smell the candy; it will have a distinct odor unlike candy.

A School Resource Officer in Portland, Oregon says "The biggest thing students say is that it's nearly odorless or masked with sugar, they sit in class with a piece of candy in their mouth and by the end of class they're high." Students are buying the drug from anywhere between \$1 and \$5 per piece. The fear is that students who wouldn't smoke marijuana may try "Weed Candy" instead. It can definitely be a risk for younger kids as inviting as it is; it looks like a piece of candy. The Indianapolis Police Department reported that a lot of this comes through the mail. That's how kids are getting their hands on these marijuana candy products.

It is uncertain how potent each piece is as each batch can contain unknown ingredients. Drug investigators warn that eating it is a big gamble. The long term effects of marijuana use can be just as damaging.

