

CHILDREN AT RISK

RECREATIONAL AND MEDICAL CANNABIS

Are NOT a defense to Child Endangerment!

H.S. 11362.5, medical use of marijuana (Prop 215) does not give permission to smoke in front of a child, or give a child access to the drug.

Consider the following factors:

- Age of child
- Location of drugs
- Second hand smoke to child

Honey Oil

Manufacturing H&S 11379.6a

- The use of butane + other chemicals to extract THC from Marijuana.

Dangers to Child: Explosions, fires

Marijuana: Pediatric Poisonings

- 20 month old, likely ate father's marijuana (form not reported) => obtunded, unresponsive, poor muscle tone, normal within 12 hours
■ Robinson 2005
- 2 year old likely ate marijuana (form not reported) => slurred speech, ataxia, increased HR, dilated pupils, tremor, decreased muscle tone, seizure, obtunded, coma, better after 6 hours
■ Bonkowsky 2005

Marijuana: Pediatric Poisonings

- 18 month old likely ate a marijuana cigarette => drowsy, ataxia, loss of muscle tone, dilated pupils, then became obtunded. Symptoms resolved in 6 hours
■ Lopez-Segura 2002
- 8 month old found in a crib surrounded by marijuana cigarettes, mother induced vomiting. 1 hr later became apneic, shock, coma, intubated for respiratory failure, aspiration pneumonia
■ Sansome 2001

Marijuana: Pediatric Poisonings

- 18 month old likely ate hashish cookies => drowsy, coma, pale, bloodshot eyes, dilated pupils, mild HTN
- 3 ½ year old ate a hashish cookie from refrigerator => drowsy, coma, pale, dilated pupils, bloodshot eyes

■ Boros 1996

CANNABIS:

Pediatric Poisonings

- Ingestion of cannabis in any form by small children, can cause sedation and loss of muscle tone that can progress to coma and apnea
- Symptoms last from 1-12 hours and require close monitoring in a hospital following intoxication

Basis for Endangerment

- Drug Contamination (ingestion, absorption, inhalation)
- Chemical Contamination (ingestion, vapor, direct contact)
- Filth Contamination (needles, feces, rats, bugs, blood etc..)
- Hazardous lifestyle (trafficking, raids, registrants, rip offs)

Children are at risk!

- They acquire dangerous skills:
Grasp (put objects in mouth), Mobility (walking, crawling)
- They imitate adult behaviors
- Drug use by parents creates risk factors

Hazardous Lifestyle Arguments

- Drug Use in the Presence of Children
- Drugs Accessible / Drugs Present
- Hypodermic Needles
- Pipes, Razor Blades, residue...
- Weapons
- Booby Traps
- Drug Users, Dealers, Cooks, Parolees, Probationers.
- Drug Raids by Police
- Drug Rip Offs
