CURRENT TRENDS IN VAPING

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PEER Services

- •Local substance abuse prevention and treatment agency
- •Outpatient substance use treatment for adolescents and adults
- •906 Davis St., Evanston
- •8324 Skokie Blvd, Skokie (At Turning Point)
- •847-492-1778
- peerservices.org

Glenview Northbrook Coalition for Youth

- •Local substance abuse prevention community coalition
- •Mission is to empower our youth to live safe, drug and alcohol-free lives through family and community partnership.
- •Many local members including school districts, parents, law enforcement, youth servicing agencies, etc.

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AGENDA

E-cigarettes	
Cannabis	
Data	

Tips for Talking with Teens

E-CIGARETTES

Types

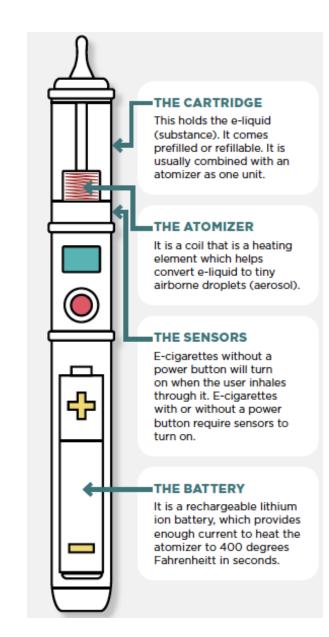
Use/Effects

E-Cigarettes

E-cigarettes produce an aerosol by heating a liquid that usually contains nicotine—the addictive drug in regular cigarettes, cigars, and other tobacco products—flavorings, and other chemicals that help to make the aerosol. Users inhale this aerosol into their lungs. Bystanders can also breathe in this aerosol when the user exhales into the air.

E-cigarette, or vaping, products can be used to deliver nicotine, cannabis (THC, CBD), flavorings, chemicals, and other substances. They are known by many different names and come in many shapes, sizes and device types. Devices may be referred to as

- E-cigs
- Vapes
- Vape pens, dab pens, and dab rigs
- o Tanks
- Mods
- Pod-Mods
- Electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS)



Cig-alikes/Disposables

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First Gen Draw activated- no button Mostly disposable Limited E-liquid variance Cigarette like experience Cheap, easy for beginners Limited Flavors Not Modifiable/ Customizable Only some- Rechargeable

Vape Pens

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Second Gen Can use different e-liquids Longer battery Pre-filled or refillable Button activation Small tank Evolved overtime- flavors, pod system, battery etc.

Vape Mods/Tanks

"Modifiables" Tank to store e-liquid Refillable or pre-filled Use can change temperature, vapor cloud size, mix eliquids, coils etc.

Come in different sizes and shapes (can even be pens)

Pod Mods

E liquid in pods Simple, Cheap E-liquid variance high "Stealth vaping" Nicotine salt vaping

Smaller, easier, less customizable than vape mods- no big clouds



Disposable flavored vapes: Next gen

85% of youth who use e-cigarettes use flavored products

"Blame a policy loophole. When the Trump administration decided to prohibit fruit, mint and dessert flavors in refillable cartridge-based e-cigarettes like Juul, it carved out a few exceptions to mollify the vape shop owners and adult consumers who complained. The much-publicized exemption allows menthol and tobacco flavors. But a footnote on page 9 of the new policy permits all flavors to continue to be sold in devices that cannot be refilled and are designed to be disposed of after the flavored nicotine has run dry." - NYTimes



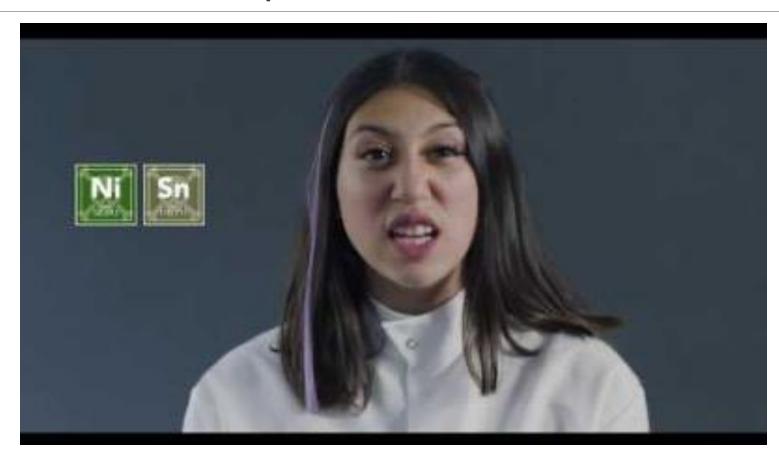








Aerosol NOT Vapor



*Vaping: Not Harmless Water Vapor: Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

VAPING E-CIGARETTES

- E-Cigarettes contain many ingredients; known and unknown
 - Ingredients reported (for example):
 - glycerol, propylene glycol, flavor, nicotine and benzoic acid
 - Ingredients NOT reported (plus many more):
 - Lead
 - Nickel
 - Tin
 - Acetone
 - Formaldehyde
 - Ethylbenzene
 - Rubidium
 - Cadmium







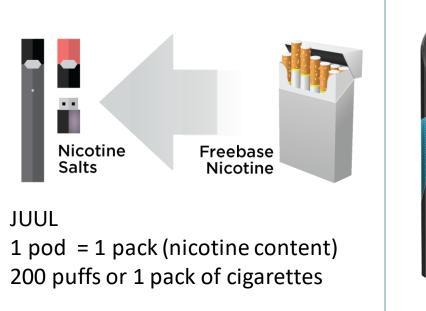




Electronic vs. Traditional Cigarettes

Nicotine:

- Pod Mods typically use nicotine salts rather than the freebase nicotine used in most other e-cigarette, or vaping, products.
- Nicotine salts, which have a lower pH than free base nicotine, allow particularly high levels of nicotine to be inhaled more easily and with less irritation to the throat than freebase nicotine.

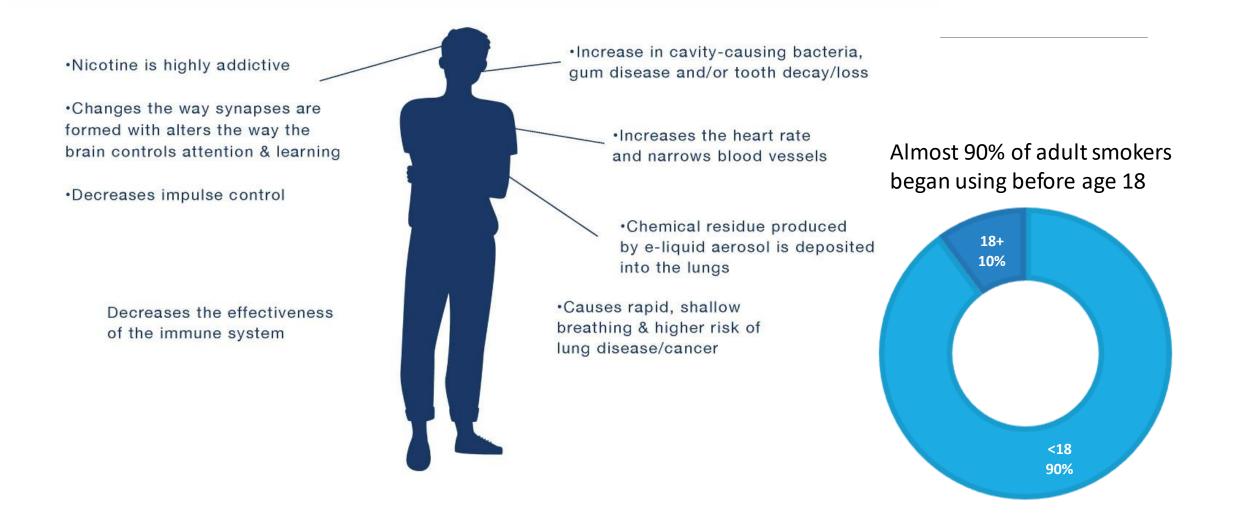






POSH PLUS disposable 1,500 – 3,000 puffs per device or 7 ½ to 15 pack of cigarettes each

NICOTINE/E-CIGARETTE EFFECTS ON THE BRAIN/BODY



Nicotine Withdrawal

Common symptoms include:

- Having cravings for cigarettes/nicotine product
- Feeling down or sad
- Having trouble sleeping
- Feeling irritable, on edge, or grouchy
- Having trouble thinking clearly and concentrating
- Feeling restless and jumpy
- Having a slower heart rate
- Feeling more hungry or gaining weight

CANNABIS

What is it?

Methods

THC Concentrates

Effects of Use & Signs/Symptoms

Cannabis – marijuana vs. hemp

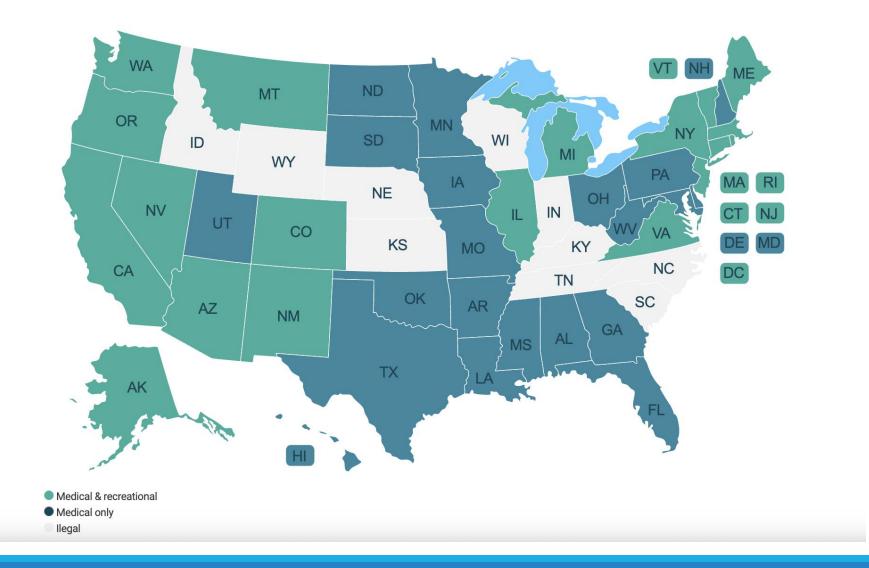
Delta-8 & Delta-10 THC



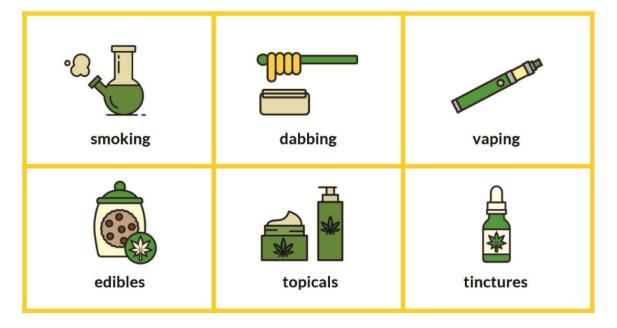
CANNABIS

- Marijuana is the dried leaves and flowers of the Cannabis sativa or Cannabis Indica plant
- *Tetrahydrocannabinol*, known as THC, is responsible for many of the drug's psychotropic (mind-altering) effects
- Average THC levels in the dry herb marijuana is now between 15%-20%
- Marijuana Concentrates
 - Highly potent THC concentrated mass that looks like honey or butter
 - Marijuana concentrates contain extraordinarily high THC levels up to 95%.
- Marijuana is a fat-soluble drug

Where cannabis is legal in the United States



METHODS OF CANNABIS USE



Smoking

After inhaling, THC enters the lungs and then passes from the lungs into the bloodstream, which quickly carries the chemical to the brain. The effects are likely to be felt more immediately, may peak more quickly, and ultimately last for a shorter period than other methods.

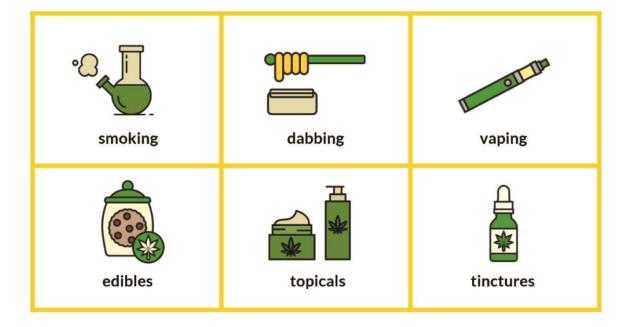
Dabbing

Dabbing involves heating a sticky oil or wax of concentrated THC extracted from cannabis and inhaling the vapors. Research has found that the vapor created by dabbing exposes users to the cancer-causing chemical benzene, as well as the noxious irritant methacrolein.

Vaping

Vaping devices are not just being used for nicotine – they are also being used to vaporize THC, often through cannabis-infused oils in place of eliquids. Vaping THC does not produce the telltale smell that emerges when smoking marijuana, so it's not as easily detected. When people vape rather than smoke marijuana, they tend to consume even higher concentrations of THC.

METHODS OF CANNABIS USE



Edibles

Edibles are a food product such as brownies, cookies, and candy that contain cannabinoids, particularly THC. As manufacturing methods vary, edibles can vary greatly in their potency (some with very high THC concentrations), which isn't always clear to the user. Edibles also take longer than smoking to kick in, elicit peak effects more slowly, and may last much longer. Since the effects take longer to feel, some users take more because they think it's not "working." This, coupled with a much higher THC concentration, makes overdoses more likely.

Topicals & Tinctures

Topicals are cannabis-infused lotions, balms, and oils that are absorbed through the skin for localized relief of pain, soreness, and inflammation. Tinctures are alcohol-based cannabis extracts that result from infusing alcohol with cannabis resin. Topicals and tinctures do not produce psychoactive effects because the psychoactive elements in THC do not activate until it is heated as in smoking or vaping. THC infused topicals and tinctures are only legally available in states where medical or recreational cannabis is legalized or decriminalized. CBD infused topicals and tinctures are generally available everywhere – if produced from industrial hemp.

Method of Use – Among Users

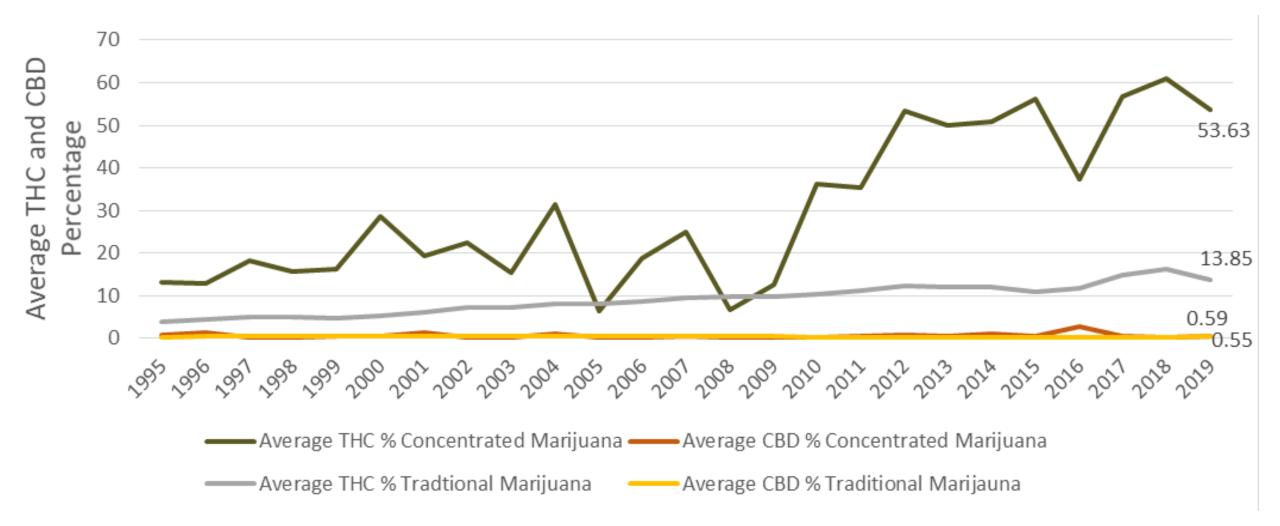
	8 th	10 th	12 th
Smoked It	69%	58%	71%
Vaporized It	70%	75%	70%
Ate it	52%	40%	40%
Dabbed it	27%	23%	32%

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Figure 40. Average THC and CBD Potency of Traditional and Concentrated Marijuana, 1995 – 2019



University of Mississippi





HYBRID

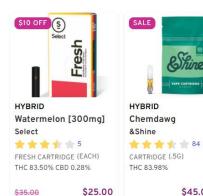
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THC 22.88%

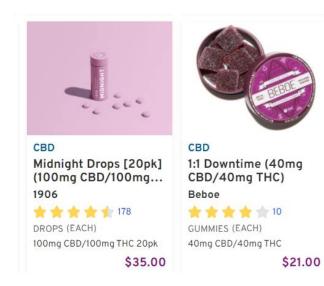
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HYBRID MAC 1 Aeriz * * * * * 483 PREMIER FLOWER (3.5G) THC 24.66% CBD 0.11%

SATIVA Sundae Driver Breakfast Bubba Cresco FLOWER (3.5G) * * * * 116 THC 28.41% PREMIER FLOWER (3.5G)



SALE HYBRID Pink Kush Aeriz FULL SPECTRUM HASH ... (.5G) THC 71.50% \$45.00/.5G \$60.00/.5G









***** BUDDER (1G) THC 70.14% CBD 0.70%

\$70.00/1G



\$63.00/1G

Bedford Grow * * * * * 22 SUGAR (1G) THC 72.84% CBD 0.40%



SATIVA Waltz Haze THC 85.27% CBD 0.17%

\$70.00/1G



Indica [10pk] (100mg)

* * * * * * 230

MILK CHOCOLATE (EACH)

Encore Edibles

100mg 10pk

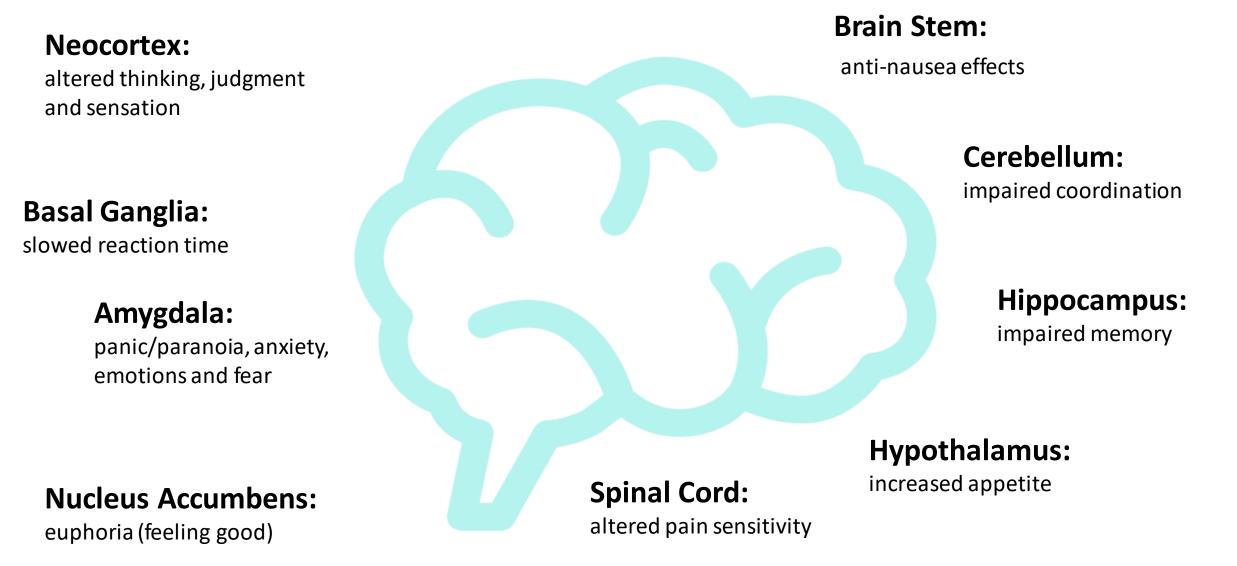
HYBRID Pineapple Raspberry [10pk] (100mg)

Encore Edibles ***** GUMMIES (EACH) 100mg 10pk

\$30.00

\$30.00

EFFECTS OF CANNABIS ON THE BRAIN



CANNABIS SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

- A sense of euphoria or feeling "high"
- A heightened sense of visual, auditory and taste perception
- Increased blood pressure and heart rate
- Red eyes
- Dry mouth
- Decreased coordination
- Difficulty concentrating or remembering
- Increased appetite
- Slowed reaction time
- Paranoid thinking

Signs to watch for:

- Declining schoolwork and grades
- Abrupt changes in friends
- Abnormal health issues or sleeping habits
- o Deteriorating relationships with family
- $\circ~$ Less openness and honesty

HIDING METHODS FOR USE







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CANNABIS OVERDOSE

- Hallucinations
- Mental confusion
- Panic attacks
- Extreme paranoia
- Uncontrollable shaking or seizures
- Pale skin color
- Unresponsiveness
- Sudden high blood pressure with headache
- Rapid heart rate, increasing the risk of heart attack

CANNABIS WITHDRAWAL

Symptoms appear within one week after the individual stops smoking marijuana and include:

- Feelings of anger, irritability, and/or aggressiveness
- Sensations of extreme nervousness or anxiety
- Disturbances with sleep that can include insomnia or very disturbing dreams and even nightmares
- A decrease in appetite that may or may not be associated with a significant loss of weight
- Feelings of restlessness and general malaise
- The onset of feelings of depression
- The inclusion of at least one physical symptom that causes significant distress, such as abdominal pain, fever, chills, sweating, headache, and/or tremors or shakiness.

GETTING "CROSSED"

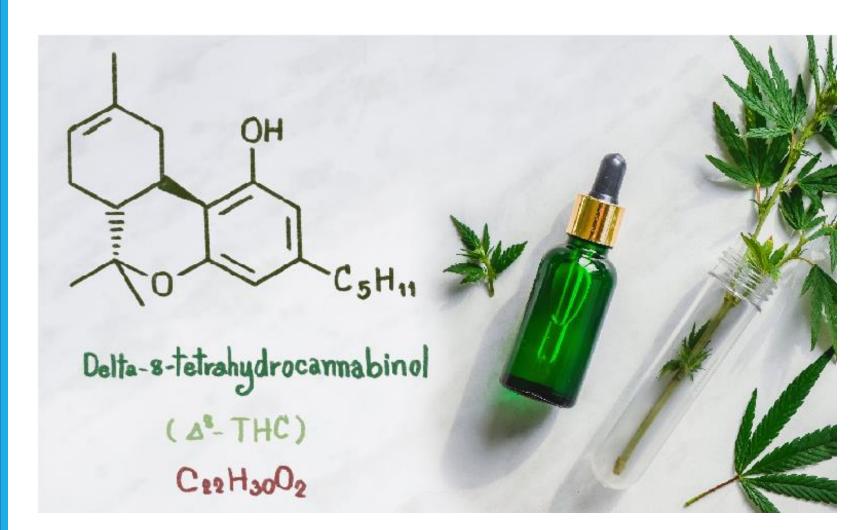
•Getting "crossed" is a term youth use when using both alcohol and cannabis at the same time

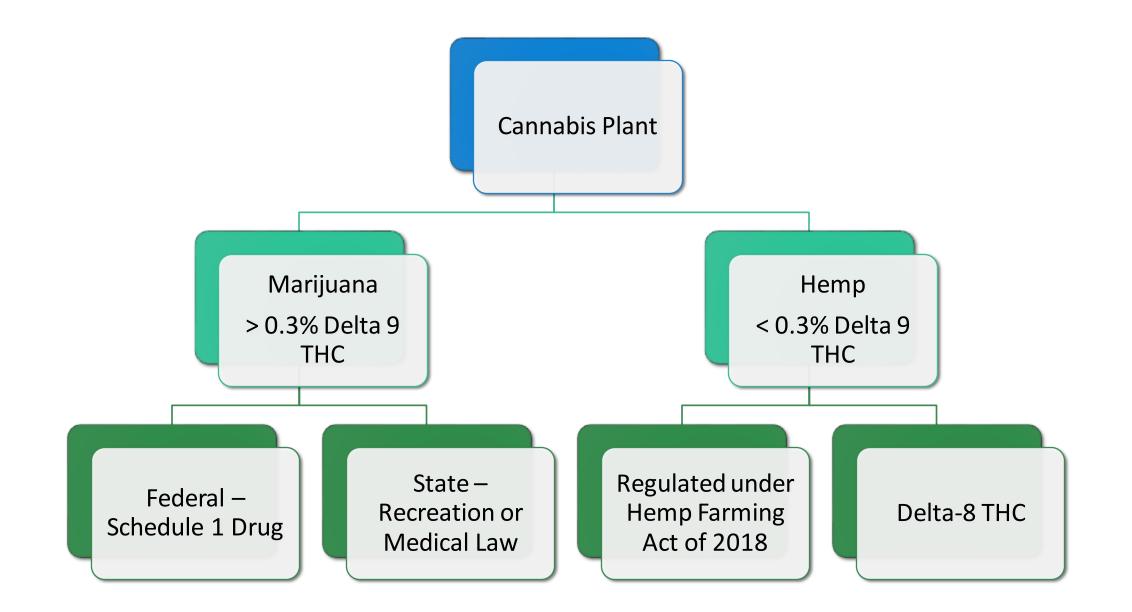
- •Common misperception that when a person uses both alcohol and cannabis that they will experience the effects of both substances at the same time; relaxation from the alcohol and the "high" from THC.
- •However, the body responds very differently to both substances together than it does separately. In fact, when alcohol is present, the amount of THC in the bloodstream nearly doubles because alcohol impacts the way that the body's blood vessels absorb THC.

•Other reactions:

- Nausea and vomiting
- Dizziness
- Disorientation
- Paranoia
- Panic attack

Delta-8 & Delta-10 THC





Delta-8 THC

Exists naturally in the cannabis plant in only small quantities and is estimated to be about 50-75% as psychoactive as delta-9 THC

- Derived from hemp
- Marketed as "weed light" or "diet weed"

CBD can be synthetically converted into Delta-8 THC with a solvent, acid, and heat to produce higher concentrations of Delta-8 THC than those found naturally in the cannabis plant.

• Harmful by-products and unsafe contaminants can occur

Found anywhere that hemp or CBD products are sold (including online)

- Can lead to unintentional THC impairment if consumer is expecting to be purchasing CBD only products
- Products include vapes, smokable hemp sprayed with delta-8 THC extract, distillates, tinctures, gummies, chocolates, and infused beverages.

Also found in marijuana dispensaries in which products may include both Delta-9 THC and Delta-8 THC

• Only Delta-9 THC reported on packaging which could lead to unexpected elevated amounts of THC

https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2021/han00451.asp

Delta-8 THC

Intoxication could include:	Lethargy	
	Uncoordinated movements and decreased psychomotor activity	
	Slurred speech	
	Increased heart rate progressing to slowed heart rate	
	Low blood pressure	
	Difficulty breathing	
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DATA

E-Cigarette Use

Cannabis Use

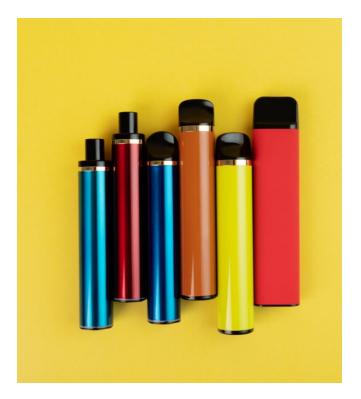
Reasons for Use

E-Cigarette: 30 - Day Substance Use

Comparison: National, Suburban Cook Co. and D225

100% –				-
90% –				_
80% -				-
70% –				_
60% –				National
50% –				Sub. Cook Co.
40% -				■ D225
30% -			23%	-
20% –			20%	-
	8%	13% 11%	14%	
10% -	3%			_
0% -	8th	10th	12th	

E-Cigarette Supply Source – D225



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Among Any Retail Source – 50%
Users
Online Access – 3%
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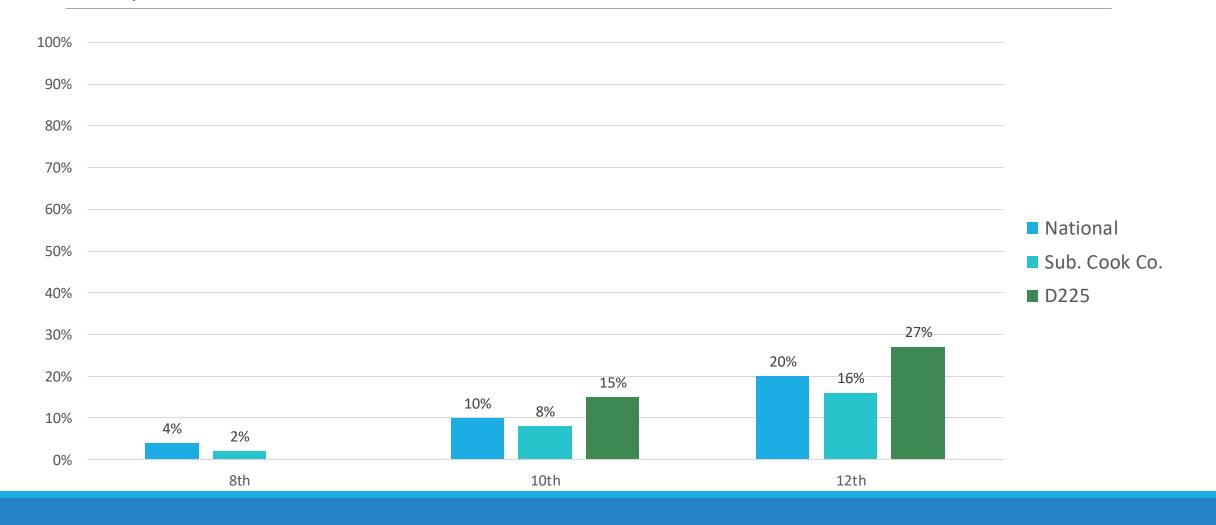
From a friend – 65%

Sibling – 13%

Parents WITHOUT Permission – 8%

Parents WITH Permission – 2%

Marijuana: 30 - Day Substance Use Comparison: National, Suburban Cook Co. and D225



Cannabis Supply Source – D225

Among Someone who sells drugs – 36%

Users Social source – 82%

From a friend – 79%

Sibling – 21%

Someone else's medical marijuana card – 10%

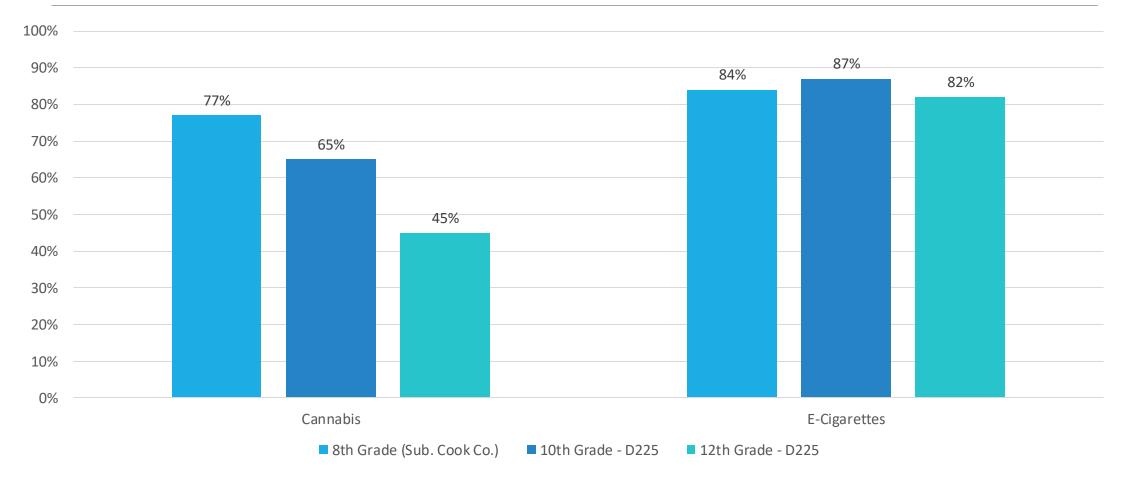
Parents WITHOUT Permission – 12%

Parents WITH Permission – 11%



Perception of Risk

How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they: (reported moderate to great risk)



REASONS FOR USE AMONG YOUTH

• To relax

- To cope with stress and anxiety
- To cope with other mental health concerns
- To have fun
- To alter their perspective
- To fit in / peer pressure
- To experiment
- To try something new

TALKING WITH YOUR TEEN

HAVE YOU STARTED THE CONVERSATION?



talk with them about not using marijuana.

LET'S TALK CANNABIS

GET MORE TALK TIPS AT bit.ly/LTCforparents

Source: https://ys.cprd.illinois.edu/UserFiles/Server/Bener_178052/Files/tate-reports/2018/Freg18_/YS_Statewide.pdf Funded in whole or in party by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery through a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration

TALKING WITH YOUR TEEN

•Goal is to have a conversation about how vaping can impact your child's health, goals and future.

Establish expectations early

Not just one 60-minute conversation, sixty 1-minute conversations

- Message must be direct with clear consequences, explain why
- •Utilize facts and consequences of use that will resonate with your child

Reasons why teens choose not to use:

- Control of Body and Actions
- Legal Consequences
- Trouble with Parents/ Disappoint Parents
- Lost Extracurricular Eligibility
- Jeopardize Future Plans
- Safety
- Bad for Health

TALKING WITH YOUR TEEN

- Utilize open-ended questions
 - "Tell me about..."
 - "What are you learning about this at school?"
 - "What are your thoughts about the vaping illnesses, legalization, etc.?"
 - How can I support you to remain substance-free?
 - How do you feel about a friend using drugs?

HELPFUL MESSAGE FOR TEENS

Don't fall for it

- Don't let big businesses take advantage of you, ruin your health, make you dependent
- It's not cool to be addicted to and dependent on a drug

Don't be fooled by celebrity and social media promotions

• There's money behind them, not your best interests

Don't contribute to environmental damage

Make smart and healthy choices

- Vaping nicotine or cannabis really is dangerous
- You only have one brain and body and they're in pretty great condition right now why mess up your health?



RESOURCES

• PEER Services

- •<u>Glenview Northbrook Coalition for Youth</u> (GNCY)
- Stanford Tobacco Prevention Toolkit
- Stanford Cannabis Prevention Toolkit
- •National Institute on Drug Abuse
- •<u>Partnership to End Addiction Marijuana</u> <u>Resource Center</u>
- Talking to Your Kids About Cannabis

•<u>Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services</u> <u>Administration</u>

•<u>Ask, Listen, Learn</u>

Operation Prevention

•Above the Influence

Operation Snowball

•<u>5 Things to Know about Delta 8 THC - FDA</u>

• Vaping Products Visual Dictionary - CDC