WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Delta 8
and other Derived Psychoactive Cannabis Products (DPCPs)

What are they?

DPCPs provide a high like the THC in cannabis, but they’re made using chemicals, not naturally grown.¹

Examples of DPCPs include products like Delta-8 THC, Delta-10 THC, THC-O, THC-P, HHC, and more.²

Where are they found?

They can be found in many places, even in states that have tried making them illegal.¹ People can buy them online, often without proving their age.³ They’re also often sold at smoke shops, convenience stores, and gas stations.⁴

What do they look like?

DPCPs are sometimes sold as vape devices or sprayed on hemp flower so it looks like cannabis bud.⁴ They’re also commonly sold as candies, cookies, chocolates, and chips.⁴ DPCPs can look almost identical to regular snacks and are often poorly labeled, so they are sometimes eaten accidentally, especially by children.⁵

What are the dangers we know?

Some DPCPs are much stronger than the THC in cannabis, and they are often not tested for harmful chemicals.¹² Using DPCPs can cause various health problems including:¹⁵⁻⁷

- ▲ injuries and poisonings
- ▲ a wide range of psychiatric problems
- ▲ problems with breathing
- ▲ pain in the throat and nasal passage
- ▲ eye pain and vision problems
- ▲ stomach, digestive system, and oral health problems including vomiting affecting one’s consciousness, senses, movement, and overall brain function

Be Cautious. DPCPs are harmful in lots of ways, and they’re fairly new so we’re still learning about all the ways that they can be harmful.

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