



COMMUNITIES IN ACTION COALITION



PREVENTION TEAM

Promotes health and well-being in our communities by empowering individuals to prevent substance misuse and build resilience through education and support.

PROVIDED SERVICES



PARENT & YOUTH
DRUG
PRESENTATIONS



COMMUNITY
EVENTS



FREE NALOXONE
TRAINING



PRESENTATIONS
ON LIFESKILLS

PARTNERED AGENCIES





SMOKE SHOP PROJECT TOWN HALL

UNDERSTANDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY

Addressing youth access to illicit marijuana, counterfeit THC products, and emerging cannabinoids at smoke shops near schools and youth-sensitive locations



Illicit Marijuana & Counterfeit THC



Paraphernalia & Extraction Kits



Delta-8/10 & Other Intoxicating Hemp Products



Nitrous Oxide



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Town Hall Objectives

Protecting community health, advancing accountability, and mobilizing local action



Raise awareness about harmful and banned products being sold in local smoke shops — and the risks they pose to youth and community health.



Share key findings from community-based smoke shop environmental scans, including product availability, marketing, and neighborhood impacts.



Outline the local impact of Assembly Bill 8 and how it strengthens local prevention, compliance, and enforcement efforts.



Mobilize community action through documentation, reporting, advocacy, and collective action for healthier neighborhoods.



HEALTHY YOUTH. STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS. SAFER COMMUNITIES.



Smoke Shops Near Schools Put Youth at Risk

Easy retail access can increase youth exposure to dangerous and unregulated products.



Smoke shops near schools make harmful products more visible and easier for young people to access.



Field visits found THC extraction kits, illicit cannabis, and unregulated intoxicating products such as Delta-8 and Delta-10.



This retail environment may contribute to youth use, accidental exposure, and school-related incidents.



Protect youth health:
reduce access to high-risk
products near schools.



Example: Purple Haze Smoke Shop is located
1/2 block from Sutter Middle School

Photo shown for educational and public health purposes.



8 teens hospitalized after ingesting edibles on La Brea Tar Pits field trip



Watch later



Share



MORE VIDEOS
Play (k)

There is increased access and availability to cannabis by youth from **unlicensed dispensaries** and a **variety of other sources.**

(SAPC Community Needs Assessment 2017; see also Marijuana's Impact on California, California High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Report 2018)



One School Administrator:

One month of confiscated products and paraphernalia

The confiscation of vape devices in schools has reached unprecedented levels

(Nicotine and Cannabis Vaporizers)



Attractive designs that
hide **dangerous** products



**BEHIND EVERY DEVICE
THERE IS A REAL RISK FOR OUR YOUTH.**



Working together to protect our students
from harmful and illicit substances.

Tobacco Retail Density in Los Angeles



Retail density is a public health and public policy issue.



KEY PUBLIC HEALTH FACTS

Los Angeles has **3,759** tobacco retailers — **32 times** more than McDonald's restaurants and **14 times** more than Starbucks.



Tobacco
Retailers

3,759



McDonald's

119



Starbucks

276



LOS ANGELES



WHY IT MATTERS

68.7% of tobacco retailers are within 500 feet of another tobacco retailer — about one city block.



POLICY IMPLICATION

The average distance between a tobacco retailer and its nearest competitor is **515 feet**. Strong local licensing, spacing, and zoning policies can help reduce overconcentration and protect community health.



Retail overconcentration can increase exposure, normalize access, and undermine prevention efforts.

Why Retail Availability Matters

Retail availability is a public health and public policy issue.



PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT



Research consistently shows that **youth are more likely to smoke** when they live or attend school in neighborhoods with a **high density of tobacco retailers**.



Tobacco companies have also **targeted low-income neighborhoods and communities of color** through predatory marketing and retail practices, reinforcing inequities in exposure and harm.



WHY IT MATTERS

Retail density can increase exposure, normalize tobacco use, and shape youth behavior.



POLICY RELEVANCE

Licensing, spacing, zoning, and land-use policies can help reduce retailer concentration near youth-sensitive locations.



Retail overconcentration can drive exposure, normalize access, and deepen health inequities.

Retail Density and Youth Exposure in Los Angeles

Retail concentration is a public health and public policy issue.



In Los Angeles,
there are

32x

more tobacco retailers
than **McDonald's**.



3 out of **4** schools in the City of Los Angeles are
located within 1,000 feet of a smoke shop.



High retail density can increase youth exposure, normalize access,
and support the need for **stronger local licensing, zoning, and land-use protections**.



Example



School:
Vista Middle School



Nearby smoke shop:
Tobacco Plus



Distance from school:
~200 feet



Students are within walking distance of smoke shops selling dangerous and illicit products.

Why This Matters for Our Community



Increases youth exposure to tobacco retailing



Normalizes smoking and vaping near schools



Undermines healthy school environments

RETAIL MARKETING NEAR YOUTH: WHAT WE'RE SEEING IN OUR COMMUNITIES



EXAMPLE: "BACK-TO-SCHOOL" PROMOTION AT A LOCAL SMOKE SHOP



Observed during community environmental scans



YOUTH EXPOSURE TO VAPE PRODUCTS

Flavors and packaging
appeal to youth



Reported and observed behavior
near retail locations

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?



Marketing uses youth-oriented language and themes (e.g., "Back to School," discounts, giveaways)



Products often imitate candy, snacks, and popular brands



Easy access increases the risk of experimentation and use among youth



Many products are unregulated or illegally sold



KEY MESSAGE: Retail environments are shaping youth exposure and access.



These practices contribute to increased youth access to **nicotine products and illicit cannabinoids** in our communities.



73% OF SMOKE SHOPS ARE
WITHIN 1 MILE OF SCHOOLS

Source: Community Environmental Scans



Source: Community Environmental Scans | Smoke Shop Project



Smoke shops use promotions that appeal to youth.



Youth exposure increases risk of early use and harm.



Local policy action can reduce youth exposure.

ORIZERS + ENAILS + COILS



YOUTH ARE EXPOSED. MARKETING INFLUENCES. RISKS INCREASE.



The adolescent brain is still developing and more vulnerable to nicotine and cannabis.



Social media and in-store promotions make harmful products seem normal and acceptable.



Early exposure increases the likelihood of future use and addiction.

PREDATORY MARKETING TARGETS YOUTH

A PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC POLICY CONCERN.



Back-to-school promotions, price discounts, and social media visibility can normalize nicotine and cannabis-related products and increase youth exposure.



POLICY RELEVANCE:

Stronger local licensing, advertising restrictions, retailer oversight, and youth-protective enforcement can help reduce harmful exposure.



PROTECTING YOUTH REQUIRES PREVENTION, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND LOCAL POLICY ACTION.



FOUND IN
SMOKE SHOPS



HIGHLY APPEALING
TO YOUTH



UNREGULATED.
UNSAFE.
UNACCEPTABLE.



Counterfeit Cannabis and Delta-8 Edibles

Dangerous products hiding in plain sight.

A wave of unregulated 'bootleg' products has been found in smoke shops, raising concerns about youth appeal, consumer deception, and the need for stronger enforcement and local policy action.



These products are often mislabeled, untested, and sold without age verification or oversight.
The risk to our communities is real.



PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN:

Youth-appealing packaging can normalize access and exposure.



POLICY RELEVANCE:

Stronger local enforcement, licensing, and retail oversight are needed.



**STRONGER POLICIES.
SAFER COMMUNITIES.**

IMPORTANT HEALTH ADVISORY

Increase in Availability of Cannabis Products Containing Delta-8 THC and Reported Cases of Adverse Events



Delta-8 THC is a cannabinoid that can produce psychoactive effects similar to delta-9 THC.



Delta-8 THC products are widely available in some communities—in stores and online.



Reports of adverse events have been received, including cases in children.

WHO SHOULD PAY ATTENTION



Public Health Departments



Healthcare Professionals



First Responders



Laboratories



Poison Control Centers



The Public

KEY ACTIONS

- ✓ Be aware of the increased availability of delta-8 THC products.
- ✓ Counsel patients and the public about potential risks.
- ✓ Report adverse events to your local health department.
- ✓ Check product labeling—some products may be mislabeled or lack adequate warnings.
- ✓ Store cannabis products safely and securely, out of reach of children.



WHY THIS MATTERS

Insufficient labeling of products containing THC and CBD can lead to accidental exposures, overdoses, and other adverse events—especially among children.

This is an official



HEALTH ADVISORY



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STAY INFORMED. STAY SAFE. PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/han

OUR COMMUNITY. OUR YOUTH. OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

DELTA-8

Cheetos
Puffs



Product being sold at a variety of smoke shops



WHAT OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES NEED TO KNOW

Delta-8 tetrahydrocannabinol, also known as Delta-8 THC, is a psychoactive substance found in the Cannabis sativa plant, of which marijuana and hemp are two varieties. Delta-8 THC is one of over 100 cannabinoids produced naturally by the Cannabis plant but is found in significant amounts in raw cannabis plant, as a result, commercial manufacturers convert other cannabinoids from hemp-derived cannabinoids into Delta-8 THC.

It is important for communities to be aware that Delta-8 THC products have not been evaluated or approved by the FDA for safe use in any context. They may be marketed in ways that put the public health at risk and should especially be kept out of reach of children and pets.

Source: Pasadena Public Health Department, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC), & California Department of Public Health

DELTA-8 THC HAS SERIOUS HEALTH RISKS

NATIONAL POISON CONTROL CENTERS RECEIVED 661 EXPOSURE CASES OF DELTA-8 THC PRODUCTS BETWEEN JANUARY 2018 AND JULY 31, 2021, 660 OF WHICH OCCURRED BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2021, AND JULY 31, 2021. OF THE 661 EXPOSURE CASES:



41%

INVOLVED UNINTENTIONAL EXPOSURE TO DELTA-8 THC

77%

OF THESE UNINTENTIONAL EXPOSURES AFFECTED PEDIATRIC PATIENTS (LESS THAN 19 YEARS OF AGE, AND



18%

OF THE DELTA-8 EXPOSURES (119 OF 661 CASES) REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION, INCLUDING CHILDREN WHO REQUIRED INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (ICU) ADMISSION FOLLOWING EXPOSURE TO THESE PRODUCTS.

SOURCE:

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF POISON CONTROL CENTERS' 2021 ANNUAL REPORT: DELTA-8 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL-ASSOCIATED EXPOSURES — DELTA-8 THC

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OUR COMMUNITY
TOWN HALL

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Youth Access Has Real Consequences

Recent student medical emergencies linked to cannabis edibles highlight an urgent public health concern.



8 teens on La Brea Tar Pits trip hospitalized after ingesting 'cannabis edibles,' Fire Dept. says



Los Angeles Times



5 middle school students in Northridge taken to hospital after possibly eating marijuana edibles



Local news report



At least 17 students treated at middle school in Studio City over 'possible overdoses'



FOX 11 Los Angeles



At least 10 students treated for possible cannabis overdose at Van Nuys Middle School, officials say



ABC7 Eyewitness News



These incidents are not isolated. They underscore the need for prevention, stronger retail oversight, and community action to reduce youth access.

WHY THE SMOKE SHOP PROJECT MATTERS



In 2024, California issued **emergency regulations** to protect kids from dangerous intoxicating hemp products.



PROTECT YOUTH

Keep harmful products out of kids' reach.



PREVENT HARMFUL SALES

Stop dangerous products from being sold.



SUPPORT COMMUNITY SAFETY

Build healthier, safer neighborhoods for all.



The Smoke Shop Project helps **protect youth**, **support safer neighborhoods**, and **reduce access** to harmful products marketed to children.



STRONGER REGULATIONS. SAFER COMMUNITIES. A HEALTHIER CALIFORNIA.



RESULTS FROM SPA WIDE ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS OF SMOKE SHOPS SELLING ILLICIT CANNABINOIDS



ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS
CONDUCTED:

102



COMPLAINTS SUBMITTED FOR
ILLICIT PRODUCTS:

18



- Delta 8 gummies
(unregulated edible hemp products)



- Cactus vape
(unregulated hemp vaporizer)



- Looper vape
(unregulated)



This data helps inform and guide law enforcement efforts
to **protect public health** and keep our **communities safe**.



BRANDS IDENTIFIED DURING ENVIRONMENTAL SCANS OF SMOKE SHOPS

PRODUCTS THAT MAY CONTAIN ILLICIT OR UNREGULATED CANNABINOIDS

MOST FREQUENTLY OBSERVED BRANDS



VAPE & CARTRIDGE BRANDS

- FRYD
- STIIIZY
- 8SIX



EDIBLES & PACKAGED PRODUCTS

- CACTUS LABS
- KOI
- CANNA KINGS



PRODUCTS BEARING THESE BRAND NAMES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED
IN RETAIL SETTINGS OUTSIDE OF LICENSED DISPENSARIES,
WHERE REGULATORY OVERSIGHT MAY BE LIMITED OR ABSENT.



THE RETAIL AVAILABILITY OF THESE PRODUCTS OUTSIDE THE LICENSED MARKET
RAISES CONCERNS REGARDING COMPLIANCE, LABELING, AND YOUTH ACCESS.

DELTA-8 AND ILLICIT CANNABINOID

UNREGULATED PRODUCTS THAT MAY CONTAIN HARMFUL OR UNKNOWN COMPOUNDS



D8IGHTS NACHO CHEESE
250MG | DELTA-8 THC



CACTUS LABS SIX SHOOTER
DELTA 8 LIVE RESIN | 8G | DISPOSABLE DEVICE



STIIIZY HEMP PEN
BIRTHDAY CAKE | HHC | 2000mg



CHEETOS PUFFS
DELTA-8 | 1000MG | 1 OZ (28.3g)



TROLI SLURPEE SOUR BRITE CRAWLERS
DELTA-8 | CHERRY, COLA & BLUE RASPBERRY



ASTRO EIGHT SOUR RINGS PEACH
HHC | 1500MG | 15 PIECES | 100MG PER PIECE



CANNA KINGS COOKIES DELTA 8
250MG | DELTA-8 THC

POTENTIAL RISKS:



Unregulated and unapproved products



Unknown potency and ingredients



Health risks are unknown



May be marketed to youth



THESE PRODUCTS ARE NOT APPROVED BY THE FDA OR REGULATED.
THEY MAY CONTAIN DANGEROUS INGREDIENTS AND CAUSE SERIOUS HARM.

ILLEGAL CANNABIS PRODUCTS ARE EASILY AVAILABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

These products are unregulated, unsafe, and often marketed in ways that appeal to youth.



WHY THIS MATTERS



Designed to attract youth

Bright colors, candy-like packaging, and familiar brand styles.



Unregulated & unsafe

May contain harmful chemicals, high levels of THC, and unknown ingredients.



No quality control

No lab testing, labeling standards, or consumer protections.



Profits fuel illegal market

Undermines legal businesses and funds criminal activity.



KEEP ILLEGAL CANNABIS OUT OF REACH OF KIDS. IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.



THESE PRODUCTS ARE NOT TESTED OR APPROVED FOR SAFETY. KEEP THEM OUT OF REACH OF KIDS.



90% CDTFA SEIZURE RATE AT SMOKE SHOPS



This update highlights the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration's (CDTFA) ongoing efforts to crack down on illegal operations at smoke shops across the state. With a seizure rate reaching **90%**, the CDTFA is successfully targeting businesses that violate regulations by selling illicit products such as illegal cannabis, counterfeit tobacco, and other unregulated substances.

This aggressive enforcement is part of a broader campaign to ensure compliance, protect public health, and dismantle illicit trade networks. **The high seizure rate reflects the growing concern over the proliferation of dangerous substances and the need for stringent oversight in this sector.**



ONGOING EFFORTS

The CDTFA continues to crack down on illegal operations at smoke shops across California.



90% SEIZURE RATE

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PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

Enforcement efforts ensure compliance, protect public health, and dismantle illicit trade networks.



GROWING CONCERN

The high seizure rate reflects concerns over dangerous substances and the need for strong oversight in this sector.

EXAMPLES OF ILLEGAL PRODUCTS SEIZED

Many of the packages resembled popular food and candy items that could appeal to children.



RETAILERS ARE STARTING TO HIDE BANNED HEMP PRODUCTS.



Products are being concealed from plain view.



Found inside boxes, cabinets, and storage areas.



These products remain **illegal** and **unsafe**.



**TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP OUR
COMMUNITY SAFE.**



LANCASTER CRACKS DOWN ON SMOKE SHOP SALES

TARGETING ILLEGAL AND DANGEROUS PRODUCTS



Oct 18, 2025

Updated Oct 21, 2025



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These illegal products were seized by the
Lancaster Police Department
during crackdown efforts.



Photo courtesy of
City of Lancaster



From fake candy packaging to unlicensed cannabis, Lancaster officials say smoke shops are **selling dangerous products** — and they are not letting it slide.



City police, backed by state and county partners, just wrapped up a four-day crackdown that **pulled hundreds off illegal and unsafe products off store shelves.**



The operation targeted businesses selling everything from illicit cigarettes and unlicensed cannabis to psychoactive hemp, flavored tobacco, kratom, nitrous oxide canisters and even weapons.



Many of the items, officials said, were designed to look like candy or snacks, raising serious concerns about kids and teens being lured in.



20
STORES
INSPECTED



17
CITATIONS
ISSUED



17
SEIZURES
COMPLETED



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Smoke Central, Inc., DBA: Smoke Central

LEGAL NOTICE



TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Any person having a right, title, or interest in the property described below may, within twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this notice, file a verified petition indicating the nature of their interest in the property and requesting the return or recovery of the property seized in error or illegally.

The verified petition must be filed with the Office of Inspections; California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, PO Box 942879; MIC:42, Sacramento, CA 94279-0042.

12/19/25



SEIZED CANNABIS PRODUCTS

110 UNITS

- 110 units of cannabis products, **unlicensed cannabis business**
- Including cannabis edibles, pre-rolls, and THC vape products

This property was seized for violation of Revenue and Taxation Code sections 22974.2 and 22974.3 and Business and Professions Code sections 26012(a) and 26012(d).



THE PROPERTY CONSISTS OF:

- 2,354 units of flavored tobacco products • 546 units of flavor enhancers
- Unstamped and flavored cigarettes, including non-MSA cigarettes
- Nicotine pouches and nicotine vape products



THIS PROPERTY WAS SEIZED ON:

MARCH 12, 2025, AT 10:40 A.M.

BY: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION



LOCATION OF PROPERTY:

**14907 VANOWEN ST
VAN NUYS, CA 91405**



Governor Newsom issues

STRONGER REGULATIONS TO PROTECT KIDS FROM DANGEROUS AND INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCTS



ASSEMBLY BILL 8

PERMANENT EMERGENCY ORDER



CLOSES THE INTOXICATING-HEMP LOOPHOLE

Permanently closes loopholes outside the licensed cannabis market.



LOCKS IN AGE AND SAFETY GUARDRAILS

Establishes and maintains strong age restrictions and safety standards.



GIVES AGENCIES CLEARER ENFORCEMENT TOOLS

Provides law enforcement and regulators with effective tools to act.



PROTECTING KIDS. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES.

Creating safer neighborhoods and a healthier future for California.

STRONGER REGULATIONS. SAFER COMMUNITIES. A BETTER FUTURE.

Other Emerging Products of Concern Available at Smoke Shops



Nitrous Oxide



**Unregulated
Mushroom Products**



**Kratom
and 7-OH**

UNREGULATED MUSHROOM PRODUCTS

— DANGEROUS PRODUCTS THAT CAN PUT YOUR HEALTH AT RISK —



MUSHROOM VAPES

May contain unknown ingredients.
Not evaluated by the FDA. Risk of toxicity.

MUSHROOM BARS & CONES



MUSHROOM SYRUPS



MUSHROOM GUMMIES



HEALTH RISKS:



Unknown and unpredictable doses



Risk of intoxication and adverse effects



Lack of oversight and quality control



Not recommended for anyone under 21



NOT FDA APPROVED OR REGULATED.

MAY CONTAIN HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS AND CAUSE SERIOUS HARM TO YOUR HEALTH.

7-OH & KRATOM

DANGEROUS PRODUCTS. REAL RISKS.

EXAMPLES OF PRODUCTS FOUND IN RETAIL SETTINGS



KRATOM CAPSULES
May cause dependence, sedation and withdrawal.



PRESSED TABLETS
Contain 7-hydroxymitragynine. High potency. High risk.



7-OH TABLETS
Unpredictable effects. Risk of overdose.



7-OH SUBLINGUAL STRIPS
Rapid absorption. Strong effects. May cause intoxication.



KRATOM POWDER
May cause dependence, nausea and liver damage.



KRATOM EXTRACTS
Variable potency. Strong effects. Serious risks.



KRATOM SHOT
Concentrated. Very potent. May cause overdose.



KRATOM SHOT
Extra strong. Higher risk of dependence and overdose.



WHAT IS 7-OH?

- A kratom-derived compound
- Can act like an opioid
- Often more potent than traditional kratom



WHY IT MATTERS

- Found in smoke shops, gas stations, and online
- Sold as capsules, gummies, liquid shots and more
- Not FDA approved



HEALTH RISKS

- Overdose risk
- Severe side effects
- Unknown potency
- May be synthetically concentrated



KEY CONCERN

Sold in everyday retail settings with little to no regulatory oversight.



13x MORE POTENT THAN MORPHINE



TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP OUR SCHOOLS **SAFE AND HEALTHY.**



LEARN. REPORT. PROTECT.

NITROUS OXIDE

SOLD IN MANY FORMS. ALL POSE SERIOUS RISKS.



FLAVORED NITROUS OXIDE CANISTERS

Looks like candy.
Used for inhalation.



LARGE NITROUS OXIDE TANKS

High volume.
Designed for inhalation.



CREAM CHARGERS

Often used with
dispensers for
inhalation.



NITROUS OXIDE TANKS

For recreational
inhalation.



LARGE CAPACITY TANKS

High volume.
High risk.



NITROUS OXIDE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS HEALTH RISKS,
INCLUDING OXYGEN DEPRIVATION, NERVE DAMAGE, AND EVEN DEATH.



**TOGETHER, WE CAN
KEEP OUR SCHOOLS
SAFE AND HEALTHY.**



**“YOUR VOICE MATTERS.
COMMUNITY MEMBERS PLAY A VITAL ROLE
IN PROTECTING YOUTH
BY REPORTING LOCATIONS OF CONCERN
SELLING INTOXICATING PRODUCTS
TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.”**



**PROTECT OUR KIDS.
PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY.**



**SEE SOMETHING?
SAY SOMETHING.**



**REPORT. ACT.
KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.**

COMPLAINT SUBMISSIONS BREAKDOWN

Who to Contact and Why It Matters

SUBSTANCE	PRODUCT FORM	COMPLAINT DESTINATION	WHY / LEGAL BASIS
 INDUSTRIAL HEMP EDIBLES	Gummies, candies, chocolates, drinks, syrups	 LACDPH – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CDPH Food and Drug Branch	CDPH prohibits detectable THC in hemp foods; Local EH enforces adulterated food laws (HSC §§110545–110550).
 MUSHROOM EDIBLES COMPOUNDS	Gummies, chocolates, syrups, bars	 LACDPH – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CDPH Food and Drug Branch	CDPH warns these contain illegal compounds and are unsafe/adulterated food; Local EH enforces food safety.
 KRATOM / 7-OH INGESTIBLE PRODUCTS	Beverages, gummies, powders, capsules sold as food	 LACDPH – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CDPH Food and Drug Branch or the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control * Complaint only made to ABC if the substance is in Alcohol and found at a location licensed by CA-ABC*	CDPH states kratom/7-OH products for consumption are illegal to sell; ABC issues warnings; Local EH enforces adulterated food if sold as food.
 INHALABLE HEMP PRODUCTS (vapes, cartridges, pods, disposables)	E-cigarettes, vape cartridges, vape pods	 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	CDPH enforces inhalable hemp product standards under Hemp regulations, not food, so a different authority.



Complaints for non-inhalable product should be submitted to the **local Public Health Department**. **Long Beach** and **Pasadena** have their own Public Health Department; therefore, complaints for those areas should be **made to them directly**.



EDIBLE HEMP PRODUCTS



Los Angeles Department of Public Health – Environmental Health

All cannabis edibles regardless of hemp content in food and drinks are prohibited to be sold in markets or liquor stores.



Link to Submit Complaint to L.A. DPHEH:
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/>



Products that warrant complaints to LA-DPHEH:

Inhalable or **Smokeable** Hemp Products like:

- HHC Edibles
- THC-P Edibles
- THC-O Edibles
- Delta-8 Edibles
- Delta-11 THC Edibles



HHC Edibles



Delta-8 Edibles



Delta-8 Edibles



Delta-8 Edibles



Delta-11 THC Edibles



SCAN TO SUBMIT
A COMPLAINT



Help protect our community. If you see these products for sale in markets or liquor stores, **submit a complaint to L.A. DPHEH.**

INHALABLE OR SMOKABLE HEMP PRODUCTS



SUBMIT A COMPLAINT TO:

California Department of Public Health (CDPH)



LINK TO SUBMIT COMPLAINT TO CDPH:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DFDCS/Pages/FDBPrograms/FoodSafetyProgram/ConsumerComplaint.aspx>



PRODUCTS THAT WARRANT COMPLAINTS TO CDPH:

Inhalable or **Smokable** Hemp Products like:

- HHC Vaporizers
- THC-P Vaporizer/Cartridges
- THC-O Vaporizer/Cartridges
- Delta-8 THC Vaporizer/Cartridges
- Delta-11



HHC Vaporizers



THC-P Vaporizer/
Cartridges



THC-O Vaporizer/
Cartridges



Delta-8 THC Vaporizer/
Cartridges



Delta-11



California Department
of Public Health



Help protect the health of our community.

If you find these products for sale, **submit a complaint to CDPH.**



Your voice **matters.**

Community members play a vital role in protecting youth by reporting locations of concern selling intoxicating products to local authorities.



SEE SOMETHING?

Report locations of concern.



MAKE THE CALL.

Help keep our communities safe for youth.



STRONGER TOGETHER.

Working together for a healthier future.

YOUR REPORT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

SAFER COMMUNITIES. RESPONSIBLE BUSINESSES.



Community Complaint Submissions

This form was developed to support community members in sharing concerns about smoke shops or alcohol retailers that may be selling illicit cannabinoids, kratom, or intoxicating mushroom products. The information you provide will be reviewed by your local **SPA-based CCP Prevention Coalition**, who can help document the concern and support the submission of a formal complaint to the appropriate public health or regulatory agency. No confrontation is required—simply share what you observe to help strengthen youth safety and community wellness.

Type of Location:

- ☐ Smoke Shop (Tobacco Retailer/ Vape Shop)
- ☐ Liquor Store
- ☐ Mini Market/ Convenience Store
- ☐ Other: _____

Name of Location:

Your answer _____



BE THE VOICE OF YOUR COMMUNITY



If you are aware of any Smoke Shops or other locations selling illicit products like **Delta-8**, please report it using the QR code below.



Our coalition will review your submission and, when appropriate, help file complaints with the proper authorities. Together, we can keep our community safe.



TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

**SCAN TO
REPORT!**





Join Our **SPA-Based** Coalition

Learn more about what you can do
and stay informed about our
ongoing efforts to address the
impact of smoke shops on our
community.

Post-Town Hall Evaluation

Thank you for joining our community town hall. Your feedback helps us understand what was helpful, what you learned, and how we can continue supporting safer, healthier neighborhoods.

We Want to Hear From You



What you learned today



Your concerns about smoke shops in the community



How effective the town hall was



Ideas for future action and support



This survey is brief and confidential.



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