



Sample News Stories on Hemp Intoxicants

"Dozens of Young TN Children Hospitalized in 2021 Due to Accidental Delta-8 THC Overdoses"

WBIR

February 14, 2022

In Tennessee, 115 cases of accidental delta-8 THC overdoses were reported in 2021, with 30% involving children under 5. These incidents highlight the severe effects and regulatory challenges of delta-8 THC products.

<https://www.wbir.com/article/news/local/dozens-of-young-tn-children-hospitalized-in-2021-due-to-accidental-delta-8-thc-overdoses/51-948febbb-3258-449f-aa3a-8ee244dacd7b>

"FDA Issues Warning Letters to Companies Illegally Selling CBD and Delta-8 THC Products"

FDA News Release

May 4, 2022

The FDA issued warnings to five companies for selling delta-8 THC products illegally. Reports included adverse events like hallucinations and vomiting, with several cases involving children requiring hospitalization. These products were often packaged to appeal to children.

<https://www.mcguirewoods.com/client-resources/alerts/2023/12/fda-warning-letter-declares-delta-8-and-cbd-gummies-adulterated-foods/#:~:text=FDA%20goes%20so%20far%20as,products%20treat%20or%20cure%20disease.>

"Man Claims Lexington Store Sold Him Delta-8 Instead of CBD Causing Him to Crash into Bus"

WKYT, Kentucky.com, KOLN

October 5, 2022

A man in Lexington, Kentucky is suing a local CBD store after he allegedly bought a product labeled as CBD that actually contained delta-8 THC, causing a car crash.

<https://www.wkyt.com/2022/10/05/man-claims-lexington-store-sold-him-delta-8-instead-cbd-causing-him-crash-into-bus/>

"Grand Island Woman Arrested After Child Ingests THC Gummy"

News Channel Nebraska, KSNB Local 4, KOLN

April 4, 2023

A woman in Nebraska was arrested after her 4-year-old son ingested a delta-8 THC gummy, highlighting the severe effects on young children and legal consequences for parents.

<https://central.newschannelnebraska.com/story/48668832/woman-arrested-after-son-eats-thc-gummy>

"Virginia Mother Sentenced to 10 Years After 4-Year-Old Son Dies from Delta-8 THC Gummies" Fox News

June 12, 2023

A Virginia mother was sentenced after her 4-year-old son died from consuming delta-8 THC gummies. The incident highlighted the dangers of children accessing hemp-derived intoxicants.

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/virginia-mom-charged-murder-4-year-old-son-eats-large-amount-thc-gummies-police-say>

"DEA Considers Delta-8 THC Products Federally Illegal When Synthesized From CBD, Official Says In Newly Revealed Email" Marijuana Moment

August 14, 2023

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has clarified its position on delta-8 THC, stating that when synthesized from legal CBD, delta-8 THC is considered a prohibited controlled substance. This clarification was revealed in an email from a top DEA official, which has significant implications for the rapidly expanding market for delta-8 products.

<https://www.marijuanamoment.net/dea-considers-delta-8-thc-products-federally-illegal-when-synthesized-from-cbd-official-says-in-newly-revealed-email/>

"Bus driver blacks out behind wheel, says he didn't know his gummy snacks included THC" KTTV, Fox News, AP News, US News

December 1, 2023

A bus driver in Connecticut was granted probation after he unknowingly consumed THC-infused gummies, leading to him passing out while driving a bus with passengers. The case underscored the need for clearer labeling of hemp-derived products.

<https://www.kktv.com/2022/06/15/bus-driver-blacks-out-behind-wheel-says-he-didnt-know-his-gummy-snacks-included-thc/>

"Pickens County 7-Year-Old Hospitalized Over Drug Disguised as Candy"

Fox 5 Atlanta

February 12, 2024

A 7-year-old in Pickens County, Georgia was hospitalized after consuming delta-8 THC gummies mistaken for candy, prompting the school to issue warnings about the dangers of such products.

<https://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/pickens-county-candy-thc-delta-8>

"Elementary School Students Ate Cannabis Edibles Thought They Were Candy" St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Fox 2 Now

March 16, 2024

Six elementary school students in St. Louis mistakenly consumed delta-8 THC edibles, believing they were regular candy. The incident raised concerns about the regulation and accessibility of hemp-derived intoxicants.

https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-courts/elementary-school-students-ate-cannabis-edibles-thought-they-were-candy/article_1b28969c-e3ba-11ee-99e8-b3be109d3f42.html

"Big Rise in Emergencies Involving Synthetic Weed Among Kids Adults"

US News

May 8, 2024

Calls to U.S. poison centers about synthetic cannabis, including delta-8 THC, increased by 88% between 2021 and 2022, with a significant portion involving young children.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2024-05-08/big-rise-in-emergencies-involving-synthetic-weed-among-kids-adults>

"Attorney General Tong Announces Crackdown on Illegal Sale of Delta-8 THC"

Connecticut Attorney General's Office

February 9, 2023

Connecticut's Attorney General sued five retailers for selling delta-8 THC products resembling popular youth snacks, posing significant risks including accidental ingestion by children and numerous hospitalizations.

<https://portal.ct.gov/ag/press-releases/2023-press-releases/attorney-general-tong-announces-crackdown-on-illegal-sale-of-delta8-thc>

"NC Looks to Crack Down on Delta-8 THC Cannabis Products"

NC Health News

June 21, 2024

North Carolina is cracking down on delta-8 THC products marketed to children.

Increased incidents of minors consuming products resembling snacks have led to seizures of illegal THC products from various shops.

<https://www.northcarolinahealthnews.org/2023/08/03/nc-legislators-law-enforcement-want-crack-down-delta-8-thc/>

"Texas Has Basically Legalized Marijuana. We Have the Proof."

Texas Monthly

June 26, 2024

Marijuana masquerades as hemp products and is sold in retail stores throughout Texas, despite state laws prohibiting the production and sale of marijuana.

<https://www.texasmonthly.com/news-politics/texas-legalized-marijuana-thc-delta-9/>

"In 2018, Republicans accidentally legalized cannabis. Now 22 AGs want them to undo it"

The Hill

March 30, 2024

A coalition of 22 state attorneys general called on Congress to address “the glaring vagueness” that has led to legal cannabis products being sold over the counter across the country — including sometimes from vending machines or online. A letter dated March 20 addresses the consequences of lawmakers’ choice to legalize hemp production in the 2018 omnibus Farm Bill — a decision that inadvertently led to a multibillion-dollar market in intoxicating cannabis products that are arguably federally legal.

<https://thehill.com/homenews/4564181-2018-farm-bill-hemp-cannabis-attorneys-general/>

A significant number of US 12th-graders report using delta-8 products, study says, and it may be a public health concern

CNN

March 13, 2024

A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) found that over 1 in 10 12th graders had consumed hemp intoxicants including delta-8 THC within the past year. Based on findings in the study, the authors argue that the number of teens who have reported using delta-8 may be a “potential public health concern.” “What we hadn’t known prior to this study was to what extent are these products reaching teens, which was a concern because they weren’t being comprehensively regulated,” said study author Dr. Adam Leventhal, executive director of the USC Institute for Addiction Science.

<https://www.cnn.com/2024/03/12/health/delta-8-use-students/index.html>

High on Hemp?

Des Moines Register

October 5, 2023

“We were promised that industrial hemp couldn’t be used to mimic the effects of marijuana,” **Republican U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley** said in a statement. “I was skeptical at the time and voiced my concerns. It turns out my skepticism was well-placed.”

<https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/health/2023/10/05/consumable-hemp-including-heavy-thc-products-are-gaining-popularity-in-iowa-marijuana-des-moines/70969527007/#:~:text=%E2%80%9CWe%20were%20promised%20that%20industrial,my%20skepticism%20was%20well%2Dplaced.>

Ohio Issues Consumer Alert on Delta-8 THC Products and Packaging

Ohio Attorney General's Office

July 10, 2024

The Ohio Attorney General issued a consumer alert regarding delta-8 THC products, highlighting concerns over packaging that resembles candy and other popular snacks, which poses significant risks for accidental ingestion by children. This alert follows an

increase in incidents involving delta-8 THC, urging consumers to exercise caution and report suspicious products.

<https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov>

More Than 90% of Smokable Hemp Samples Test Positive for Delta-8 THC, Federal Study Finds

Marijuana Moment

July 15, 2024

A federal study revealed that over 90% of smokable hemp samples tested positive for delta-8 THC. The study raises significant concerns about the widespread presence of intoxicating cannabinoids in products marketed as hemp.

<https://www.marijuanamoment.net/more-than-90-percent-of-smokable-hemp-samples-test-positive-for-delta-8-thc-federal-study-finds>

Four Kids Hospitalized After Taking CBD Gummies at Coventry Camp WPRI

July 20, 2024

Four children were hospitalized in Coventry, Rhode Island after consuming CBD gummies that reportedly contained delta-8 THC. The incident underscores the dangers of mislabeled hemp products and the urgent need for clearer labeling and stricter regulations to prevent such occurrences.

<https://www.wpri.com/news/local-news/4-kids-hospitalized-after-taking-cbd-gummies-at-coventry-camp>

Feds Warn About Copycat Packaging of Delta-8 THC Edibles

July 2024

The FDA and Federal Trade Commission issued warnings to five companies for selling delta-8 THC edibles in packaging mimicking popular snack brands, raising concerns about accidental ingestion, particularly among children. Products such as “Slizzles” and “Double Stuff Stoneo” were flagged for their close resemblance to Skittles and Oreo cookies. The federal agencies highlighted that inadequate or confusing labeling poses significant health risks, with nearly 10,500 incidents involving THC-laced products reported to national poison control centers, 77% involving consumers under 19. The FDA and FTC emphasized the illegality of marketing such products in this manner and called for immediate corrective actions from the companies.

<https://www.painnewsnetwork.org/stories/2024/7/19/feds-warn-about-copycat-packaging-used-to-sell-delta-8-thc-edibles>

She used delta-8 from a gas station. Alabama said she couldn't keep her baby at home

August 16, 2024

An Alabama woman used delta-8 THC purchased from a gas station, to manage her anxiety and insomnia. However, when child welfare services discovered its use, they ruled it as an issue of concern, leading to determination that removed her child from her home. The case highlights uncertainty over legal claims and the legal status of intoxicants, and serious consequences surrounding the consumption of hemp-derived intoxicants in certain states.

<https://www.al.com/news/2024/08/she-used-delta-8-from-a-gas-station-alabama-said-she-couldnt-keep-her-baby-at-home.html>

Those who opened doors for delta-8 in Wisconsin say they had 'no idea'

July 22, 2024

After the 2018 Farm Bill aimed to support farmers by legalizing hemp, products like delta-8 THC have surged in Wisconsin and other states, creating a \$28 billion industry largely free of oversight. Interviews suggest that lawmakers and legal experts, including those who crafted the bill, were unaware that intoxicating compounds could be derived from hemp. Jonathan Miller, who helped draft the legislation, and others have expressed surprise at the unintended consequences, with some products now circumventing THC limits by converting to high-potency forms when used. As lawmakers now scramble to regulate these products, proposed amendments could impose stringent bans, which Miller argues would unfairly burden farmers. The call for FDA regulation remains strong amidst these developments.

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/investigations/2024/07/22/lawmakers-who-opened-doors-to-delta-8-hemp-products-had-no-idea/74269933007/>

Young Texas Woman Arrested for Legal Delta-8 Vape Oil Purchase

September 14, 2024

In 2022, a young woman in North Texas named Kendall Reed was arrested and charged with a felony after purchasing what she believed was legal delta-8 THC vape oil from a local store. Despite the product being labeled as containing less than 0.3% delta-9 THC, further testing revealed a concentration above the legal limit. Reed, unaware of the offense, faced months of emotional stress, financial burdens, and the long-term impact of having a felony arrest on her record. Although the case was eventually dismissed, it highlighted the complexities and potential legal pitfalls of purchasing hemp-derived products in Texas, where laws on THC content remain strict and unclear.

<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/commentary/2024/09/13/a-young-north-texas-woman-bought-legal-delta-8-vape-oil-and-wound-up-jailed-on-a-felony/>