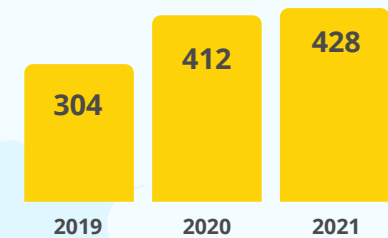


Know CT laws about buying, carrying and using cannabis.
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CANNABIS IN SOUTHWESTERN CT



According to the CT Department of Public Health, the number of **unintentional overdose deaths with the presence of cannabis increased between 2019-2021.**



What is Cannabis?

Cannabis refers to any item derived from the *cannabis sativa* plant, including tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the psychoactive component, and cannabidiol (CBD), a compound ingredient. For individuals between 12-25, cannabis ranks as the greatest substance of concern.

Types of Products

- Hand rolled cigarettes, joints or blunts
- Pipes or water pipes
- Vapes
- Hemp
- Distillates, oils
- Infused food (gummies) & beverages

THC

Today's THC is extremely potent compared to previous years. Concentrated forms of marijuana are becoming more common and can reach up to 80%. High potency THC can have detrimental effects on one's wellbeing.



In 2020 and 2021, cannabis use **decreased**. However, in 2022, cannabis use **increased** to higher levels than previously seen.



The perception of risk or harm from cannabis use has **decreased across all ages**. Since CT legalized cannabis in 2021, more people think it is safe to use in 2022.



In 2020, for individuals 18-25, past-year marijuana use was **higher in CT** (45.37%) than the national average (34.98%)



According to local youth surveys, SW CT has seen **increased cannabis use** among youth in 2022. More high school students report using it in the past 30 days compared to previous years.



Between 2021 and 2022, CT DMHAS treatment admissions reported **a form of cannabis as the primary drug of use decreased by 39%.**

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CT legalized cannabis use on July 1st, 2021. Individuals 21+ can now possess and consume up to 1.5 oz



1 in 10 who use cannabis will become addicted. If using **before age 18, 1 in 6** will become addicted.



Vaping cannabis is on the rise and is highest in ages 12-18—**many youth who vape are vaping cannabis.**

In 2021, calls to Poison Control about children consuming cannabis edibles by accident jumped to 3,1225.

In recent years, CT hospital admissions and ER visits involving cannabis intoxication have increased for all ages.

For More Info

Find resources and more at thehubct.org/cannabis or scan the QR code below.



RESOURCES

- [Be In The Know CT](#)
- [You Think You Know CT](#)
- [DrugFreeCT.org](#)
- [Change the Script](#)
- [Let's #MentionPrevention](#)
- [SAM \(Smart Approaches to Marijuana\)](#)
- [Local Prevention Councils](#) are dedicated coalitions in preventing substance misuse, especially in youth and young adults. Find an LPC near you and get involved!