

REF: Wang, GS. J. Med. Toxicol. 2017.

With recent city discussion regarding the implementation of hospitality lounges for Marijuana use, it is important we understand the expected detrimental effects it will have on public health. Here in Colorado, research found that after commercialization of medical marijuana, starting in 2009, 14 children less than 12 years of age were seen in the emergency room due to symptoms related to both marijuana exposure and ingestion of edibles. Similar findings were found by Onders et al. published in Clinical Pediatrics in 2015, in children less than 6 years over a 13 year period in states where legalization of marijuana was accepted. What can we learn? Marijuana use among adults has known reported side effects, but its use is being seen in our children both indirectly and directly. It is our job as adults to ensure we are not affecting the health of our younger generations.