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Fake Cannabis Sweets or “Edibles”

Warning— there are in circulation fake branded sweets which contain high levels of cannabis oil. These sweets are used to attract teenagers into trying cannabis.

Each sweet contains THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol - the main psychoactive ingredient in cannabis) and affect the central nervous and cardiovascular systems. It can take up to an hour for ingested THC to have any effect. THC is normally inhaled through smoking, but edibles can give longer lasting effects, including:

- Loss of coordination
- Hallucinations
- Nausea/vomiting
- Lethargy, collapse or loss of consciousness
- Cardiovascular.

Adults have more body mass and therefore the effects of a couple of sweets are mild, however if children eat these sweets the effects are more severe and may require medical treatment. Some children have been hospitalised after eating a whole bag, of what they thought were sweets.



If you have any information about possible organised crime, victims of such crime or vulnerable people subject of exploitation, please inform Essex Police or CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111.

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It was noticed in October 2020, there was an increase in empty packets of these sweets around educational premises, especially when lockdown lifted. Now that lockdown restrictions are being lifted once more, it is believed there might be a surge in Organised Crime Groups involved in drugs dealing, supplying these sweets at schools and colleges in an attempt to recruit more cannabis users.

Both the possession and supplying of cannabis sweets is illegal.

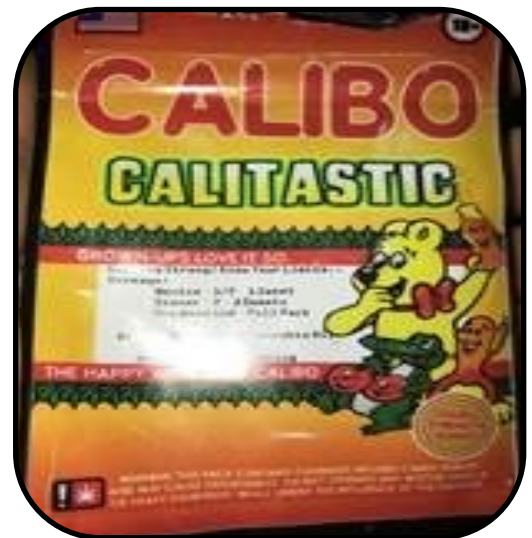
How can I tell cannabis sweets from the real ones?



Look out for the “THC” sign and an “Activation Time”

Reporting concerns about “Edibles”

Should you see anyone dealing cannabis sweets or notice any discarded packets in bins around schools or parks etc. then please inform your local police or CrimeStoppers.



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