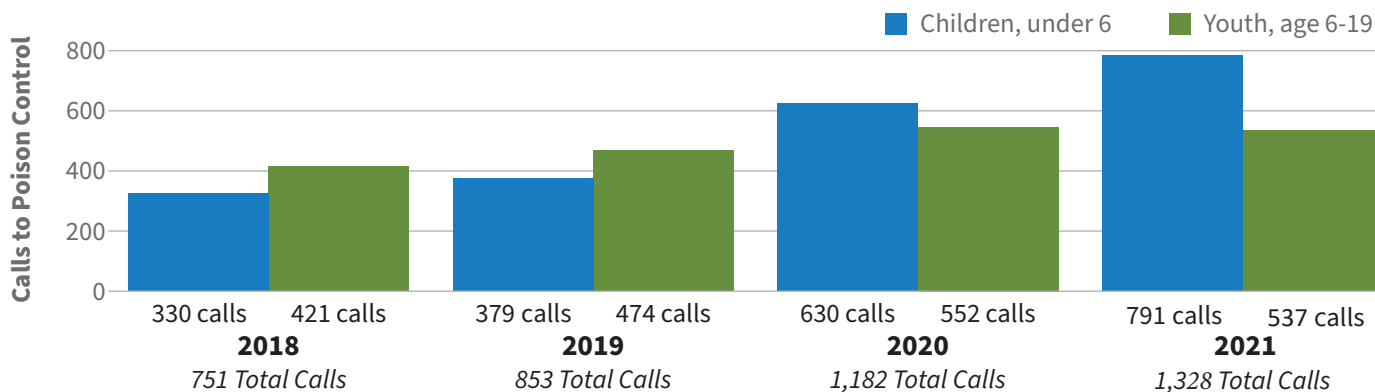


# ⋮ The number of calls to CA Poison Control about marijuana exposure among children are increasing

Between 2018 and 2021 the total number of calls to California Poison Control Centers about marijuana exposure among children under 6 years old increased from 330 calls in 2018 to 791 calls in 2021, an increase of 140%.

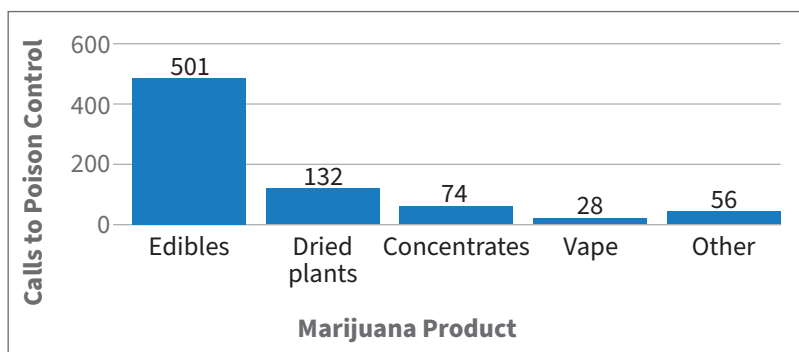


## In 2021, children under 6 were most likely to be exposed to marijuana edibles

In 2021, of the 791 calls to California Poison Control Centers about marijuana exposure among children under 6 years old, 501 calls (63%) were about exposure to marijuana edibles. Marijuana edibles are food products containing marijuana, such as brownies, gummy bears, or lollipops.

Marijuana edibles can easily be mistaken for regular food and candy and unknowingly eaten by children.

Because of their smaller size and weight, children are more sensitive to the effects of marijuana and are at higher risk for marijuana poisoning.



**Marijuana exposure among children and youth is preventable.** Store marijuana products in packaging that is clearly labeled, child resistant, out of view, and locked away. Visit the Department of Cannabis Control webpage (<https://cannabis.ca.gov/consumers/responsible-cannabis-use/>) for information about storing marijuana at home.

If you think your child may have consumed marijuana, call the California Poison Control hotline at **(800) 222-1222**. The hotline is free, confidential, and available 24/7. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.

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