

Marijuana Candy

Most marijuana edibles are made with "Pot Butter" (butter that has been infused with THC...the active ingredient in marijuana), so they are indistinguishable from regular foods and candies.



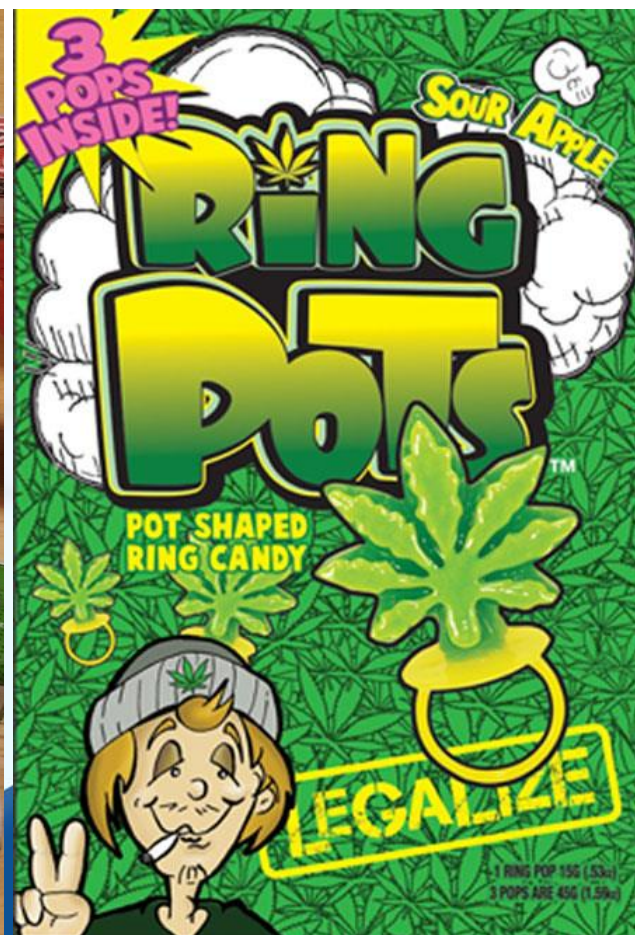
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Chocolate bars, peanut butter cups, granola bars and gummy bears are among the myriad sweets and baked goods infused with tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the active ingredient in cannabis, sold in dispensaries in Colorado and numerous other states that have legalized medical marijuana.



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Beginning in 2014, these THC-infused sweets known as "edibles" will be legally available for purchase by adult recreational users in Colorado and Washington.



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Some "marijuana edibles" contain up to **several hundred milligrams** of THC (in case you were wondering...that is **A LOT**) in a single candy bar. These potent products, which look and taste indistinguishable from normal candy bars and treats, have caused serious illness (in some cases requiring intensive care) in toddlers who have accidentally consumed them at home.



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A study published in May in JAMA Pediatrics by George Sam Wang and colleagues of the Rocky Mountain Poison & Drug Center observed a sharp increase in the number of children evaluated at the Children's Hospital Colorado following the widespread availability of medical marijuana edibles.



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Most times, these candies and drinks will still have the marijuana odor. The problem is...who really checks their kids' candies for odor if they show up with a soda or sit in class with a sucker? Just be aware that these are readily available and are becoming more prevalent!

