

Drug Information Alert

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**Danger: NORTH LONDON CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL
AFTER EATING 'CANNABIS-LACED SWEETS'**

Several school-aged children from Camden have been taken to hospital having consumed **Nerds sweets** containing **tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)**.

Details: 13 Highgate pupils fell ill after eating what they believed were 'sweets'. Police have said the sweets were believed to contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), an active ingredient of cannabis.



Consequences: *Please note that children often have a smaller body mass than adults, so the effects may be more profound.*

Cannabis produces a fast heart rate at low doses, but larger doses can slow the heart & lower blood pressure. Sudden death has been reported in cannabis users. Cannabis can increase the risk of heart attack & the risk is 4-fold higher within the hour following cannabis use. It can induce a psychotic syndrome, and can cause apprehension, anger and depression. Cannabis is also associated with lung disease and chronic cough.

Harm reduction:

For any emergency medical situations, attend your local Accident & Emergency Unit or call 999.

Inform family members and friends.

For more information, speak to your keyworker

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If the issue is still a concern after the date specified, **an update can be issued.**

