

Drug Information Alert

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6 April 2022

(to be displayed until 5 May 2022)

Danger: SYNTHETIC CANNABIS SWEETS IN EAST LONDON

A 23-year-old woman has died after eating a synthetic cannabis (THC) sweet in Ilford, east London.

Details The woman and her friend, aged 21, ordered the sweets - **also known as gummies** – online and they were delivered to her door. She experienced loss of consciousness (resulting in death) and the second individual experienced pain and violent vomiting.



Consequences:

Edibles take between 1-3 hours to have an effect because food is absorbed into the bloodstream through the liver. Because it takes longer, the user may end up consuming larger amounts of the edibles to experience a response.

The manufacturers of the edibles are unregulated, and the content of synthetic cannabis is in each sweet may not always be accurate.

Harm reduction: Do not buy or consume these products.

They are illegal and, because of the child-friendly packaging, they can pose a risk of accidental consumption. Parents should monitor food packaging / wrappers at home looking for wording such as **THC** as this may suggest the items may contain these ingredients. Be mindful of the medical needs of your child.

Call 101 for non-emergencies and attend A&E or call 999 for emergencies.

The alert should be displayed with the date it should be taken down.

The impact of an alert is lessened the longer it is displayed.

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

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