



Marijuana and THC Policy Recommendations for State Legislatures

Lawmakers in states with any legal form of THC, including medical marijuana, commercial marijuana, or THC derived from hemp should support and enact policies surrounding marijuana and THC that protect the vulnerable and put health and safety above industry profit.

Recommendations:

1. Eliminate any provisions allowing for commercial sales, advertising, and production.
2. Ban the sale of all hemp-derived THC, including Delta-8, Delta-0, and Delta-9 THC.
3. Immediately prioritize prevention education, especially in school-age children and other vulnerable populations including pregnant and breastfeeding women.
4. Enact strict potency caps for marijuana and THC products.
5. Prohibit advertisements aimed at young people including advertisements on social media, print media, billboards, TV, radio, podcasts, and other digital media.
6. Mandate clear warning labels for all THC products.
7. Enact strict ethics guidelines for members of governing and regulatory bodies.
 - No financial ties to the marijuana industry during or after service.
 - Clear ethics standards preventing post-regulatory industry employment.
 - Potential ban on industry work for government employees, legislators, and regulators, with a 3-5 year cooling-off period or communication restrictions.
8. Implement mandatory reporting for public health data, including drugged driving, poison control calls related to THC, hospitalizations and ER visits linked to marijuana, marijuana-induced psychosis, potency trends, environmental effects, worker THC testing rates, and impacts on children and youth.
9. Enable municipalities to opt out of sales and consumption sites at any time.
10. Prohibit sales gimmicks aimed at getting new customers or encouraging customers to try more potent products. For example, buy one get one free and free samples.

Sample language for these recommendations, sources, and toolkits are available. Please contact Brendan Fairfield, SAM's Director of External Programs, at brendan@learnaboutsam.org for more information.