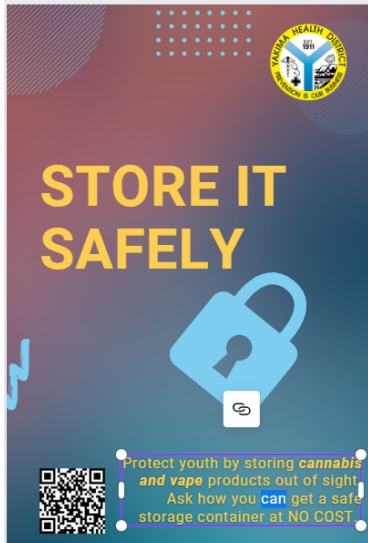


The Yakima Health District has developed a community partner toolkit to share information, materials, and resources about safely storing medical or recreational cannabis and vape products. The purpose of this toolkits is to reduce the risk of youth exposure, accidental ingestion and intentional access of cannabis and vape products. If you have any questions about this toolkit and safe storage containers, please contact Jessica Van Doren at [Jessica.vandoren@co.yakima.wa.us](mailto:Jessica.vandoren@co.yakima.wa.us)

## Youth Cannabis and Vape Risk Reduction Safe Storage Toolkit

Campaign webpage	<p>Community members/providers can visit our site to learn more about how to safely store cannabis and vape products and how to make a safe storage plan. Information is available in English and Spanish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YHD Cannabis and Vape Risk Reduction <a href="#">webpage</a></li> <li>• Spanish Version (Coming Soon)</li> </ul>
Fact sheet	<p>Fact sheet with Healthy Youth Survey data on teen access and use of cannabis. The Healthy Youth Survey is from 2021, this data will be updated in 2024.</p>
Clinic & Partner Poster/ Brochure	<p>Download Poster and Brochure to display in your facility.</p> <p><b>Store it Safely Poster</b> (See Below) This poster is for clinics, CBO or community partners who are offering safe storage containers to clients/patients.</p>  <p>Brochure is a guide to safe storage, talking to youth, proper disposal and what to do in care of accidental ingestion.</p>
Examples of social media posts:	<p>Create social media graphics and messaging around safe storage and reducing youth access.</p> <p><b>Example 1).</b> How can I keep my kids safe from my personal vape/cannabis products?</p>

Keep cannabis and vape products in a secure locked place. Cannabis and vape should be out of sight and out of reach of children, pets and adolescents to reduce accidental and intentional access.



#### **Example 2). Responsible Cannabis and Vape**

- Store safely in a lock box, bag or cabinet.
- Talk to your youth about responsible adult cannabis use and dangers of underage use.
- Inventory all cannabis and vape products and keep in their original packaging.
- Properly dispose of all cannabis and vape waste.

[#talkingtoteensaboutmarijuana](#)

#### **Example 3). How can I talk to my youth about vape and cannabis use?**

Have short, casual, frequent conversations while you spend time with your teen and be ready to listen. For tips on how to talk to your teen visit YHD's website. [#talkingtoteensaboutmarijuana](#) [#knowtherisks](#)  
[Be prepared for questions.](#)




#### **Example 4). The risks of cannabis and vape products to teens.**

The brain isn't fully developed until the mid-20's. Any substance use including cannabis and vape before then harm parts of the brain that control attention, mood, learning and impulse control.

Even occasional use can cause teens to engage in risky behavior, be taken advantage of or find them in vulnerable situations. [#knowtherisks](#)

#### **Example 5). I use cannabis or vape, should I tell my kids? Personal Use Graphic**

	 <p><b>SHOULD I TELL MY KIDS ABOUT MY CANNABIS USE?</b></p> <p><b>BE HONEST ABOUT WHETHER YOU USE CANNABIS OR VAPE.</b></p> <p>It's important to talk <b>openly</b> and <b>honestly</b> with your kids about whether you've ever used drugs before. This helps build trust and keeps the conversation going. Remind your kids that using cannabis when your young is more dangerous than when you're older.</p> <p>For more information and to help answer your teens questions scan the QR Code.</p>
Youth Safe Storage Risk Reduction Safe Storage TOOLKIT	<p>Toolkit downloadable material can be downloaded from this <a href="#">folder</a>.</p> <p>Toolkit resources include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Partner Flyer (PDF)</li> <li>• Cannabis Safety brochure (PDF)</li> <li>• Social Media graphics (PNG)</li> <li>• Fact Sheet Yakima County Healthy Youth Data (PDF)</li> <li>• Vape, Cannabis &amp; Tobacco Educational pamphlet (PDF)</li> <li>• Protecting young children from the effects of vape and cannabis</li> </ul>
Additional Online Resources	<p><a href="#">Teen Link</a></p> <p><a href="#">Washington State Quitline</a></p> <p><a href="#">Start Talking Now Parents</a></p> <p>Get the facts about the <a href="#">alcohol and cannabis laws</a> in Washington State</p>