



FEDERAL AGENCIES WARN ABOUT DELTA-8 — The [FDA](#) and [CDC](#) warned the public about Delta-8 THC products Tuesday, the first time U.S. public health agencies acknowledged [the burgeoning consumer market](#).

From the FDA: The agency warned that Delta-8 THC “has serious health risks.” Such products haven’t been evaluated by the FDA, they have intoxicating effects, are manufactured using potentially harmful chemicals and should be kept away from children and pets, the agency said.

Poison control centers received 660 Delta-8 THC cases between January and July of this year. More than 40 percent involved unintentional exposure, nearly 40 percent of cases involved pediatric patients, and 18 percent were hospitalized.

From the CDC: The agency similarly sent a health advisory to those who work in public health about the increase in Delta-8 THC products, warning that the manufacturing process could create “harmful by-products that presently are not well-characterized.”

The CDC also reported an increase in emergency room visits related to Delta-8 THC — most of which occurred in “Southern states that have not passed state laws to allow non-medical adult cannabis use.”

The agency is warning health professionals to keep an eye out for emerging products containing Delta-10 THC and THC-O acetate.

What they didn’t say: “Neither one of the announcements from the agencies really focuses on the legality of Delta-8, which I think is everyone’s big focus,” said Jonathan Havens, co-chair of Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr’s cannabis practice.

But the public health concerns the agencies’ highlighted “aren’t going to make it easier for brands and retailers to operate in an already gray area,” he said.



Meanwhile at the DOJ ... The Justice Department banned no-knock entries and chokeholds, [POLITICO's Claire Rafford reports](#). The ban applies only to federal law enforcement agencies, including the DEA. No-knock warrants have become a hallmark of the War on Drugs, [sometimes with devastating consequences](#).