



KENTUCKY ALTERNATIVE CARE
wellness without compromise

SAFE STORAGE AND RESPONSIBLE USE

Protecting your home, your family, and yourself

Medical cannabis can offer real relief — but it must be stored safely and used responsibly to protect kids, pets, and anyone unfamiliar with its effects.

SMART STORAGE AT HOME

Keeping your products secure helps prevent accidents and preserves potency. Under Kentucky law, patients may store up to a 30-day supply of medical cannabis at home in a secure location.

- **Use original packaging:** It's child-resistant and properly labeled. Don't transfer to bags or jars.
- **Lock it up:** A locked cabinet, drawer, or medicine safe is the best way to prevent access by children, teens, guests, or pets.
- **Keep it cool, dry, and dark:** Heat, light, and moisture break down cannabinoids and reduce shelf life. Store in a secure space away from windows, appliances, or bathrooms.
- **Separate it from food and medicine:** Never store cannabis near snacks, vitamins, or prescriptions — especially edibles, which can be mistaken for candy.
- **Label clearly:** If you remove items from original packaging, make sure everything is labeled with contents and strength.

USE RESPONSIBLY

Cannabis is medicine — treat it like one.

- **Start low and go slow:** Especially with THC. Begin with a low dose and increase gradually to avoid discomfort or side effects like dizziness or anxiety.
- **Avoid using when supervising children** or performing tasks that require full attention.
- **Never drive under the influence** — it's unsafe and illegal, even for registered patients.
- **Establish a “cannabis zone”:** Choose a specific area for use and storage to help form safe, consistent habits.

TALKING TO CHILDREN & TEENS

Open, honest conversations build trust and reduce risk.

- Explain that cannabis is a medicine, not a toy or treat.
- Reinforce that it's not safe for kids or pets, even if it looks like food.
- Keep the tone judgment-free. Curiosity is normal — your clarity sets the tone for safety.

WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

If a child accidentally consumes cannabis:

Call **Poison Control** immediately: **1-800-222-1222**

Stay calm and be ready to share the product type, dosage, and how long ago it was taken.

If a pet ingests cannabis:

Call your vet or **ASPCA Animal Poison Control:**
888-426-4435

Even small amounts of THC can be dangerous for animals — especially dogs.

Always keep packaging on hand in case you need to report ingredients or THC content.

Safe cannabis use starts with you.

Protect your medicine. Protect your peace of mind. We're here to help every step of the way.

Have questions about safe use, patient limits, or proper storage? Stop by Kentucky Alternative Care or visit kyaltcare.com — we're here to help you stay safe and well.

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