DHD#10 ENCOURAGES USE OF LOCK BOXES FOR SAFE MARIJUANA STORAGE

July 28, 2021 – Marijuana, also known as cannabis, weed, or pot, is the dried flowers and leaves of the cannabis plant and is commonly used for its psychoactive effects.

In Michigan recreational marijuana, is legal for those over the age of 21. A person may possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana in public and up to 10 ounces in their residence.

With various ways to consume marijuana, including inhalation through smoking or vaporization, and ingestion through edible forms like baked goods, candies, and beverages, it is important to keep marijuana of any form locked up and out of the reach of children. Marijuana contains mind-altering compounds like tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), which can become very dangerous if accidentally ingested by children.

If using Marijuana, consider securing it in a tamper-resistant lock box which will reduce the risk of unauthorized and potentially dangerous use by underage individuals.

For those who do not own a lock box and are interested in acquiring one, District Health Department #10 distributes them for free at the following locations:

**Crawford County:** 501 Norway St. Suite 1 Grayling, MI 49738 or (989) 348-7800

**Lake County:** 5681 S. M-37, Baldwin, MI 49304 or (231) 745-4663

**Manistee County:** 385 3rd St. Manistee, MI 49660 or (231) 723-3595

**Mason County:** 916 Diana St. Ludington, MI 49431 or (231) 845-7381

**Oceana County:** 3986 N Oceana Drive, Hart MI, 49420 or (231) 873-2193

For more information about safely locking up marijuana, visit [www.TalkSooner.org/marijuana](http://www.TalkSooner.org/marijuana)

**About DHD #10**

District Health Department #10 (DHD #10) is Michigan's largest geographical health department, mandated to promote and protect the public from unsafe and hazardous conditions and provide methods of promoting good health and disease prevention. Some of the vital programs provided by DHD #10 include Immunizations, Infectious Disease Control, STI Testing and Counseling, WIC, Maternal Infant Health Program, Healthy Families of Northern Michigan, Children's Special Health Services, Hearing and Vision Screening, Family Planning, Cancer Screening, Worksite Wellness, Smoking Cessation, Substance Use Prevention, Chronic Disease Prevention, and Environmental Health Services. DHD #10 serves Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, and Wexford counties. For more information, visit [www.dhd10.org](http://www.dhd10.org).

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