



# CLOSING THE HEMP LOOPHOLE

The 2018 Farm Bill de-scheduled hemp, with the intention of allowing it to be used for industrial purposes. However, the legalization of hemp inadvertently legalized hemp-derived THC, which can be extracted and converted into much stronger concentrations than traditional marijuana products. The industry has exploited this loophole, using it to sell THC-infused candies, drinks, and vapes to impressionable kids. <sup>4</sup>

- 11.4% of all 12th graders used Delta-8 THC last year <sup>1</sup>
- Prevalence was lower where Delta 8-THC was banned (5.3%) <sup>1</sup>
- From 2021-2023, 55% of poison control calls related to Delta-8 involved children. <sup>2</sup>

# ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE



- 17 states have banned Delta-8 THC, including Colorado & New York.<sup>1</sup>
- Attempts to simply regulate these products have not proven effective in keeping them away from children.<sup>1</sup>



- Congress can close the Delta-8 loophole by clarifying the hemp legalization provisions to ban the manufacturing or sale of intoxicating hemp-derivatives.<sup>3</sup>
- Educate your legislators about the harmful effects of these products.

## MORE INFORMATION



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