



HIGH-RISK & ILLEGAL PRODUCTS AVAILABLE IN TEXAS STORES

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WHAT'S REALLY BEING SOLD IN TEXAS STORES?

New research from public health expert Dr. Matthew Rossheim highlights how large retail chains in Texas are selling a wide range of hazardous and illicit substances, including products that have been:

- Explicitly banned or restricted under state and federal laws
- Deemed as unsafe by the FDA
- Banned under Texas Law

The widespread availability of these products is concerning because it makes them more accessible to kids, undermining efforts to reduce youth substance use.

PRODUCTS SEEN IN STORES



THC edibles and vapes far exceeding legal potency limits



THC edibles imported into Texas, which federal law prohibits



High potency THC beverages



Unapproved drug products such as tianeptine and kratom extracts



Deceptively labeled inhalants like nitrous oxide and nitrite poppers



Items in kid-friendly packaging that appeals to youth

KEY COMPLIANCE AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

Alarming, the report also found that:



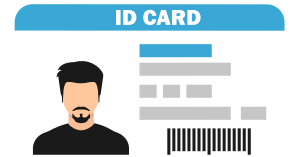
More than half (58%) of the stores were not registered with the Texas DSHS, as required.



More than one-third (38%) of stores were located within 1000 ft of a school or daycare.



Stores handed out free samples the customer hadn't requested or purchased.



Staff at each retail chain failed to check IDs.

TEXAS MUST ACT NOW TO PROTECT YOUTH

The research is clear: regulation of these products does not sufficiently protect our kids from gaining access to them. Swift action is needed to address this growing problem – starting with a ban on unapproved intoxicants and implementation of stronger enforcement tools.

Without these measures, Texas will remain a hotspot for the sale of high-potency, illegal substances disguised as “legal products.”



Examples of Products in Texas Stores

To read Dr. Rossheim's full report visit

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