

NEW BRIEF:

What's being sold in California smoke shops?

Findings show widespread availability of kratom, nitrous oxide and psychoactive mushroom products, many near schools.



KEY FINDINGS



49% of retailers sold kratom or 7-OH products.



24% sold nitrous oxide (laughing gas).



19% sold psychoactive mushroom products.



37% were within four blocks of a school or college (including 15% within one or two blocks).

SOLUTIONS



Strengthen enforcement to stop illegal sales and protect young people.



Make sales of a broader range of psychoactive substances a violation of tobacco retailer licensing, with meaningful penalties.



Support the federal prohibition on intoxicating hemp.



Encourage local governments to use their regulatory and enforcement authority.

“Having a tobacco license is not a license to sell drugs to kids.”

— Lynn Silver, MD, MPH
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