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Marijuana Lockboxes Available at the Barry-Eaton District Health Department

The Barry-Eaton District Health Department (BEDHD) encourages marijuana users to do so safely.

This year, BEDHD received funding from Michigan Licensing and Regulation Affairs (LARA) to launch a harm reduction campaign called Weed Facts, which focuses on 7 facts relating to marijuana, with the ultimate goal of encouraging safety before and during marijuana use. These facts are:

1. Keep marijuana locked up and away from kids
2. Marijuana hinders brain development in adolescents
3. Driving high is illegal and is considered at DUI
4. Marijuana is only legal if you're 21 or have a prescription
5. Marijuana in pregnancy or breastfeeding can harm the baby
6. Most teens don't use marijuana – 1 in 14 teens say they used in the past month
7. Marijuana can be addictive – especially if you start using as a teen

As part of the campaign, BEDHD is providing lock boxes free of charge to encourage safe storage of marijuana products. Individuals interested in picking up a lock box can visit either the Hastings or Charlotte Environmental Health or Clinic offices. BEDHD will not be collecting information from those who take a lock box, but ask that only 1 is taken per household.

BEDHD encourages those who would like help quitting marijuana to seek help from their local Community Mental Health Authority office. The Barry County office can be reached at (269) 948-8041 and the Eaton County office can be reached at (517) 346-8200.

In case of accidental use or ingestion of marijuana products, call the Poison Control Center immediately at (800) 222-1222.

For more information about the Weed Facts campaign and resources, visit www.knowtheweedfacts.com.