

‘Edibles are convenient and discreet. People can take them and not have to deal with the smell. They’re kind of a good entry point into cannabis for many.’

— Willamette Valley Alchemy co-owner Brice Sherman

been no overdose deaths associated with marijuana use, but there are documented cases where it likely led to accidental fatalities. And there have been three deaths in Colorado in which edible pot was ingested.

But in Oregon, the stats are clear: We are not being poisoned in large numbers by weed.

The numbers were creeping upward ever since cannabis possession was legalized in Oregon in 2015, and did peak at about 118 calls to the Oregon Poison Center (OPC) during the second quarter of 2016, when early sales of recreational edibles began.

But those numbers have trended downward for the past three quarters, with the first quarter of 2017 yielding 58 calls to the OPC.

This downward trend could be attributed in part to the

strict exit-bag and child-resistant container regulations, as well as the 100 mg and 50 mg cap on medical and recreational edibles, respectively, rolled out by the state in October 2016.

But according to the data, the downward slide in marijuana-related calls to the OPC started in the quarter prior. Perhaps the public had just been curious and excited about weed, and people were getting a little too carried away.

It’s hard to say, but it seems like the Oregon marijuana market might now be finding a balance between safe and fun.



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