Colorado’s Packaging and Labeling Requirements for Retail Marijuana for Consumer Protection and Child Safety

Colorado has regulations for medical marijuana and now for retail marijuana. Colorado’s new Retail Marijuana Code covers three types of products: Marijuana, marijuana products including edible products, and marijuana concentrates. Before sale to a consumer, a retail marijuana store must place any of these products in a container that is child-resistant or place the container in an “exit package” that is child resistant. “Child resistant” packaging must conform to federal consumer product safety regulations and an ASTM standard; be opaque so the product cannot be seen; be closable if not intended for single use; and be properly labeled pursuant to the Retail Code. Proper labeling includes specific warning statements for each of the three product types; Colorado’s Universal Symbol indicating the container holds marijuana; a list of all nonorganic pesticides, fungicides and herbicides used to produce the marijuana; and a list of solvents and chemicals used to produce marijuana concentrate. Use of certain pesticides and chemicals is prohibited. Containers for edible marijuana products must be labeled with all ingredients, if refrigeration is required, standard serving limit and expiration date. Other statements are required if testing was performed for potency or contaminants. Find more information at Colorado Department of Revenue, Marijuana Enforcement Division, www.colorado.gov/revenue.

*Keep all marijuana products away from children, especially if they are edible and look like candy or snacks!!*

Colorado’s Universal Symbol that a container holds marijuana products: