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Dangerous Drug Trend

The Red Rock Regional Prevention Coordinator (RPC) would like to educate the community on a current dangerous drug trend known as “dabbing” or “budder.” Dabbing is a term used for consuming marijuana in oil, wax, or concentrated forms of extracted THC from marijuana leaves. The vapor created is inhaled by the smoker. Butane is most commonly used in the extraction process and has caused several big and small explosions across the country.

The wax looks like honey and is usually hidden and stored in glass or silicone containers such as chapstick containers (they scrape out the chapsticks and add the “wax”). The purest form of THC is called “shatter”.

The extraction process can raise the level of THC from the standard 15% to 60-90% in wax form. Users are not buying leaves anymore because they can get higher concentrations using wax or oil. These substances can be used in vape pens, edible foods, or marijuana cigarettes dipped in wax or in bongs.

E-devices or vapes are the most popular device because they are mobile, easy to carry and discreet. These devices may contain tobacco, wax or concentrated THC oil. Oil has 45% THC and can be used in vapes without much odor depending on the quality of the device.

Marketing is also a big part of the movement. Users have created a new smoking holiday using “710” which looks like “OIL” upside down. T-shirts with the term “Nail-it” or “Dab” have been used by the dabbing culture to promote use to others around them.

For more information on dabbing visit www.tallicopsaysstop.com. Red Rock RPC’s primary focus is to serve as a prevention community liaison. Red Rock RPC educates and informs communities through multiple strategies including community based services, environmental strategies, early recognition, and referral. We take the proactive approach in reducing substance abuse among communities. Red Rock RPC is funded through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. For more information about the Regional Prevention Coordinator please visit www.redrockrpc.com or contact the Red Rock RPC at (405)-422-8873.