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Seven Point CEO proposes cannabis consumption lounge in Danville

DANVILLE, Ill. (WCIA) — Seven Point CEO Brad Zerman recently talked to officials of the City of Danville, proposing an idea to build a cannabis consumption lounge on top of a planned cannabis dispensary.

In August 2021, Zerman and his team were informed that they had won a lottery to receive licenses to open a cannabis dispensary in Danville. They quickly secured a property located at 388 Eastgate Drive.

According to Zerman, the property would be transformed into a new two-story building. He said the dispensary would be on the first floor and if the City of Danville would approve it, there could be a lounge on the second floor for cannabis consumption. [Read](#)

Teen overdoses spike as drug use has dropped, study shows

Deadly drug overdoses among U.S. teenagers have more than doubled in frequency in recent years, even as those in the age group became less likely to use illegal drugs, researchers from UCLA and elsewhere found in a newly published analysis.

The findings underscore the fact that teens face serious danger from the kinds of drugs circulating in the United States, including the powerful opioid fentanyl and other synthetic opioids and benzodiazepines, said Joseph Friedman, a UCLA addiction researcher and lead author of the study, published Tuesday in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. “The bottom line is, the drug supply is just becoming a toxic mess,” Friedman said.

Many teens mistakenly believe that pills are a safer way to experiment with drugs, not realizing that they could be taking fake pills containing fentanyl that can vary in potency, said Morgan Godvin, co-author of the new study and a member of Oregon’s Multnomah County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council.

The team of researchers used data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to calculate the rates of overdose deaths among 14- to 18-year-olds, tracking how they changed from January 2010 to June 2021.

The death rate for drug overdoses in that age group had been generally stable for a decade, then nearly doubled between 2019 and 2020 and continued to rise early in 2021, reaching a rate of 5.49 deaths per 100,000 adolescents, they found. [Read](#)

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