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11-year-old NYC boy overdoses on pot gummies at Super Bowl party

An 11-year-old Staten Island boy was hospitalized after gobbling up THC gummies he mistook for candy at a Super Bowl party — and now his mom is urging the mayor to do something to prevent potential tragedies involving edibles. Veronica Gill noticed her son, Ryan, “acting strange” after returning home from a gathering at their friends’ house in New Springville, she told *The Post*.

“My son was sitting on the couch with me, and he started zoning out. At first, I thought he was pretending because he opened his eyes wide and laughed. Then he would zone out for a minute again, then open his eyes wide and laugh,” she said. Gill became concerned when the youngster’s laughter suddenly turned into cries for help — and his body started shaking.

“He started saying ‘Mom, I feel weird.’ He was hearing voices. Then he started shaking ... I thought he was maybe having a seizure.”

Panicked, the mother of three rushed Ryan to an urgent care center, where his racing heartbeat led doctors to call an ambulance to take him to the ER at Richmond University Medical Center.

After Ryan underwent a series of tests, including a CAT scan — “God forbid, they had to rule out a brain tumor,” Gill said — a urine test revealed he had ingested a considerable amount of THC in the last few hours.

“I was literally in shock. I couldn’t believe it,” Gill recalled.

Ryan stayed the night in the hospital, resting and drinking

fluids while the symptoms wore off, according to his mom.

“Thank God he’s okay,” she said.

The number of calls to poison-control centers for abuse and misuse of cannabis products in Americans ages 6 to 18 has skyrocketed – rising from 510 cases in 2000 to 1,761 in 2020, [according to a recent study](#) published in [Clinical Toxicology](#). [READ](#)

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