

Public Safety Notice

WARNING

Brugmansia is a small to mid-size shrub or tree, with large, strong smelling trumpet shaped flowers. The flowers, due to their shape are known as “Angels Trumpet” and can grow up to 10 inches in length. The flowers are typically white but do grow in a variety of colors. Most parts of the plant contain Atropine, Scopolamine and Hyoscyamine which makes it highly toxic.

Recently we have found children experimenting with the hallucinogenic effects from the flowers when ingested. The flowers are most commonly consumed as a “tea” or some simply eaten directly from the plant, resulting in hallucinations similar to LSD. However, because the potency of the toxic compounds in the plant is variable, the degree of intoxication is unpredictable and can be fatal.

Due to the flowers shape and adverse effects it has earned the nickname amongst its users as, “Hells Bells.” Common side effects include but are not limited to; impaired speech, dry mouth, thirst, increased heart rate, nausea, vomiting, blurred vision and or temporary blindness.

If ingested, call 911 for immediate assistance and contact Poison Control Centers at 1-800-222-1222.



If you have one of these plants or know of someone who does, we strongly encourage its removal. All parts of the plant contain dangerous levels of poison and may be fatal if ingested by humans or animals, including livestock and pets. For more information, please contact Officer Scoggins of the Whittier Police Department and School Resource Officer for the East Whittier City School District at 562 789-7285 or by e-mail at jscoggins@ewcsd.org.