

8 Things to Know About Cannabis Legalization and Youth in Ontario



01. Don't be afraid to call 911 in case of an emergency.

You cannot be charged or convicted in the event of a drug-induced medical emergency.



What does legalization mean for me?



02. If you're under 19, cannabis isn't legal for you.

You can still be fined, assigned to a prevention program, ticketed and/or charged.

03. If you are under 19:

- Possessing under 5 grams is a fine
- Possessing over 5 grams is a charge
- Growing any cannabis plants is a charge
- Selling cannabis is a charge
- Sharing with anyone 18 or under is a charge

04. If you are 19+ you can be ticketed, fined and/or charged for:

- Possessing over 30 grams
- Growing more than 4 plants in a household
- Selling cannabis
- Sharing with anyone 18 or under

Where can I smoke or vape cannabis?



05. If you can't smoke a cigarette there, you can't smoke or vape cannabis there.

1st Time

A fine up to \$1000

2nd Time

A fine up to \$5000

06. You can be fined for smoking or vaping cannabis:

Under 20m from schools, playgrounds, sports fields and rec centres

Under 9m from hospital entrances, restaurants and patios

What do I need to know about driving?



07. Driving with THC in your system is impaired driving - the same penalties for drinking and driving apply for cannabis.

08. If there is cannabis in the car, it can't be readily available to any of the passengers (parked or driving).

SOURCE

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