



Recreational Cannabis: A Brief Summary for Canadians

Changes to Federal and Provincial Statutes in October 2018 allows for the legal possession and use of cannabis inside Canada.

This brief overview will provide accurate information.

- *Cannabis health questions and concerns must be discussed with your health care provider; don't rely on friendly advice and well-intended anecdotal stories.*
- *You should research BOTH provincial and federal laws. For example, possession of up to 30 grams is limited to 18 years and older by federal statute, but 19 years and older in Ontario. Make sure you double check your own provincial laws. Municipal laws can also regulate retail sales at a local level.*
- *Driving impairment by cannabis is just as dangerous as impairment by alcohol, and it carries the same penalties. Roadside drug recognition, evidence gathering, court testimony and sentencing is well established. Never use cannabis and drive, and don't be a passenger in a car driven by a person who has used cannabis.*
- *Medical or recreational use purchases MUST be made at a legal authorised outlet – make sure there is an official excise stamp on packaging.*
- *Up to four marijuana plants can be privately grown.*



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It is illegal to travel out of, or into Canada with recreational cannabis regardless of the laws at your destination.

Comprehensive Information

The Government of Canada explains cannabis laws, use, possession, cultivation, and distribution. Visit the [Government of Canada website](https://www24.international.gc.ca/cannabis/cannabis-eng.aspx) for more information.

