

# CANNABIS-RELATED MEASURES PROTECTING YOUTH IN MANITOBA



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## THE LIQUOR, GAMING AND CANNABIS CONTROL ACT

In addition to the Federal Cannabis Act, the goals of the Manitoba Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Act are to keep cannabis out of the hands of youth, to eliminate the illicit market, to protect public health, to keep roads & workplaces safe, and to ensure that cannabis is purchased, distributed and sold in a manner that is in the public interest.



### LEGAL AGE IN MANITOBA

19 is the minimum legal age to access and use cannabis products. Selling cannabis to minors or using youth to commit a cannabis-related offence carries a maximum penalty of 14 years in prison. Supplying cannabis to a minor in Manitoba results in a preset fine of \$2,542 (Province of Manitoba, 2021).

### PENALTY FOR UNDERAGE POSSESSION

1 in 8 violations of the Cannabis Act involve underage youth possession of over 5 grams of cannabis (Statistics Canada, 2019). Manitoba provincial law issues a \$672 ticket for youth found to be in possession of cannabis (Province of Manitoba, 2021).



### LIMITING EXPOSURE OF CANNABIS TO YOUTH

Cannabis consumption is strictly prohibited in all public places in Manitoba; it is only legal within private residences or homes. It is illegal to sell cannabis through vending machines or self-serve displays. Cannabis can only be promoted in places where youth cannot see the product.

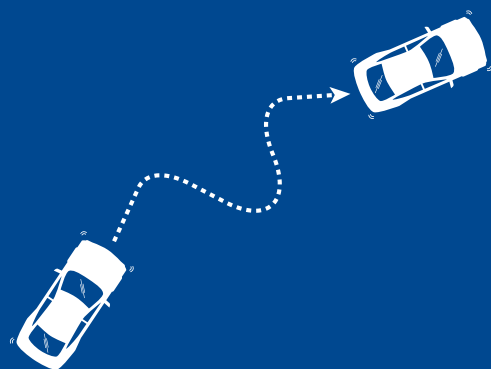
### PREVENTING CANNABIS IMPAIRED DRIVING

In Manitoba, 12.1% of cannabis users from grades 11-12 have driven within 2 hours of consuming cannabis in the past year (CCSA, 2020). 27.2% of people age 16+ in Manitoba report having been in a vehicle operated by a cannabis impaired driver (CCS, 2020).



### MEASURES IN PLACE TO ENSURE SAFE ROADS IN MANITOBA

Those who drive impaired can be charged and face a fine of \$1,000 for a first offence. As part of Manitoba's graduated driver licensing program, the fine for failing a drug-screening test as a novice driver is \$113, while the fine for failing a drug test as a supervising driver fine is \$672 (Province of Manitoba, 2021).



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