

CANNABIS-RELATED MEASURES PROTECTING YOUTH IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES



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CANNABIS LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION IMPLEMENTATION ACT

In addition to the Federal Cannabis Act, the goals of the Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Implementation Act are to bring together the Cannabis Products Act, The Cannabis Smoking Control Act and the Motor Vehicles Act. Together, these acts help regulate the legal cannabis industry, keep smoke away from youth and aim to keep the roads safer.

LEGAL AGE IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES



19 is the minimum legal age to access and use cannabis products. Selling cannabis to minors as a first time offence could result in a fine between \$1000 and not exceeding \$50,000, or up to a year of imprisonment, or both. The fine increases with subsequent convictions (Legislative Assembly of Northwest Territories, 2018).

PENALTY FOR UNDERAGE POSSESSION

Youth under the age of 19 found in possession of cannabis, consuming cannabis, or cultivating cannabis may be subject to various fines. Youth found with less than 5 grams of cannabis will have the cannabis seized, and their parents/guardians will be notified (Government of the Northwest Territories, 2021).



LIMITING EXPOSURE OF CANNABIS TO YOUTH



Smoking or vaping cannabis is prohibited in places where children frequently visit, such as playgrounds, sports fields or school grounds and outdoor events. Cannabis may be consumed in a private residence, a park not hosting a public event, or on a trail/road when not driving a motorized vehicle.

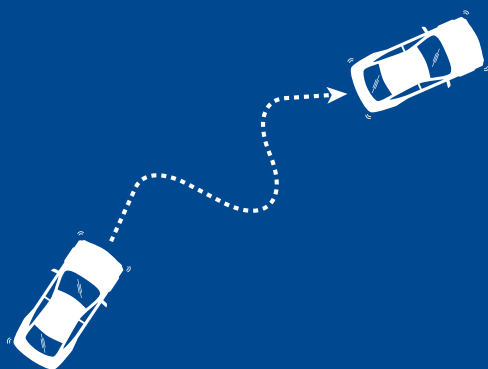
PREVENTING CANNABIS IMPAIRED DRIVING

22% of Canadians age 16+ have driven within 2 hours of consuming cannabis in the past year (CCS, 2020). 38.3% of people in the three Territories age 16+ report being in a vehicle operated by a cannabis impaired driver (CCS, 2020).



MEASURES IN PLACE TO ENSURE SAFE ROADS IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Drivers under 22 years of age, as well as those with a learner's permit or a probationary licence may receive a licence suspension for any amount of cannabis in their system. Penalties such as fines, suspensions and prison may also occur under the Federal Criminal Code.



Reference List

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