

CANNABIS-RELATED MEASURES PROTECTING YOUTH IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



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CANNABIS CONTROL ACT

In addition to the Federal Cannabis Act, the goals of the Cannabis Control Act are keeping cannabis out of the hands of youth, protecting public health and keeping our roads safe, while aiming to eliminate the illegal cannabis market.

LEGAL AGE IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



The legal age to purchase, possess or consume cannabis is 19 years old. The penalty for an offence involving anyone under the age of 19 is a fine of \$500-\$1,250. For a second or subsequent offence, the fine increases to \$1,250-\$2,500.

PENALTY FOR UNDERAGE POSSESSION

If someone under 19 years of age is found to be guilty of a cannabis-related offence, a provincial court judge may order that the person be discharged on condition of completing an approved educational diversion program.



LIMITING EXPOSURE OF CANNABIS TO YOUTH



Cannabis may be consumed in a private home and the yard attached to a private home. Cannabis must be stored at home in a place inaccessible to anyone under age 19.

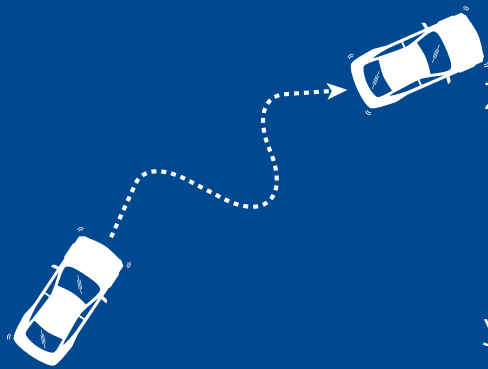
Public use of cannabis is prohibited. Violation of this rule may result in a \$200-\$400 fine (first offence) or a \$400-\$700 fine (subsequent offences).

PREVENTING CANNABIS IMPAIRED DRIVING

In 2016-2017, 14.5% of students in grades 11-12 reported driving within 2 hours of consuming cannabis (CCSA, 2020). It is illegal to use cannabis in a vehicle, even if the vehicle is not moving or unable to move.



MEASURES IN PLACE TO ENSURE SAFE ROADS IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



Zero tolerance for drivers under the age of 22, as well as individuals in the graduated drivers' program. Offences can result in fines of \$1,000 or more, as well as time in prison. The maximum sentence for impaired driving that injures another person is 14 years in prison. The maximum sentence for impaired driving that causes death is a life sentence in prison.

Reference List

Canadian Center on Substance Abuse and Addiction, 2020. *Provincial Patterns and Trends in Cannabis Use Among Youth: Prince Edward Island*.
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