

CANNABIS-RELATED MEASURES PROTECTING YOUTH IN YUKON



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CANNABIS CONTROL AND REGULATIONS ACT

In addition to the Federal Cannabis Act, the goals of the Cannabis Control and Regulation Act are to protect the health and safety of the public, protect young people and ensure that, if cannabis is consumed, it is lawfully purchased for public safety.



LEGAL AGE IN YUKON

19 is the minimum legal age to access and use cannabis products. Selling cannabis to minors or distributing cannabis to minors could result in a \$250,000 fine, up to two years of imprisonment, or both (Government of Yukon, 2018).

PENALTY FOR UNDERAGE POSSESSION

Youth under the age of 19 found possessing, buying, consuming or growing cannabis may receive a fine of \$200. (Government of Yukon, 2021).

Youth possession over 5 grams may result in criminal prosecution under The Youth Criminal Justice Act.



LIMITING EXPOSURE OF CANNABIS TO YOUTH

Cannabis may only be consumed in private residences and is not to be consumed in enclosed spaces such as daycare centres, pre-school centres, child care centres, home-based child care providers (even if no children are present), or anywhere young persons commonly gather.



PREVENTING CANNABIS IMPAIRED DRIVING

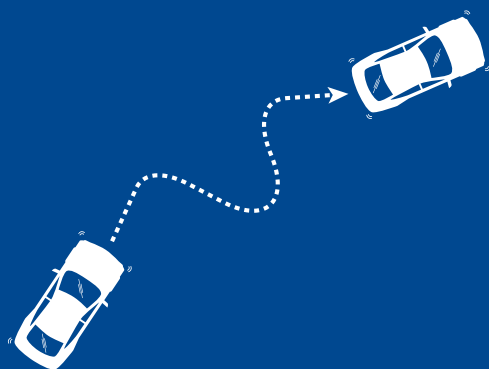
22% of Canadians age 16+ have driven within 2 hours of consuming cannabis in the past year (CCS, 2020).

38.3% of people in the three Territories age 16+ reported being in a vehicle operated by a cannabis impaired driver (CCS, 2020).



MEASURES IN PLACE TO ENSURE SAFE ROADS IN YUKON

Zero tolerance for all drivers under the age of 21. Penalties for violation include a 24 hour driver's licence suspension, vehicle impoundment, fines, or a possible criminal record or jail time, with additional measures for repeat offenders. Any cannabis products in a vehicle must be kept in a sealed container, out of reach of the driver and passengers.



Reference List

Health Canada, 2020. *2020 Canadian Cannabis Survey*.

Government of Yukon, 2018. *Cannabis Control and Regulations Act*.

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