

CANNABIS-RELATED MEASURES PROTECTING YOUTH IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



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THE CANNABIS CONTROL ACT

In addition to the Federal Cannabis Act, the goals of the Cannabis Control Act are to keep cannabis out of the hands of youth, to reduce the burden on the criminal justice system, to protect public health by providing adults with access to legal cannabis, to support new business opportunities and to keep roads, workplaces, and public spaces safe in Newfoundland and Labrador.



LEGAL AGE IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

19 is the minimum legal age to access and use cannabis products. Selling cannabis to minors and using youth to commit a cannabis-related offence carries a maximum penalty of 14 years in jail.

PENALTY FOR UNDERAGE POSSESSION

Youth under the age of 19 found in possession of cannabis under 5 grams can result in a fine up to \$100. Minors found with cannabis will also have the cannabis confiscated by police and may face other penalties. (Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, 2021).



LIMITING EXPOSURE OF CANNABIS TO YOUTH



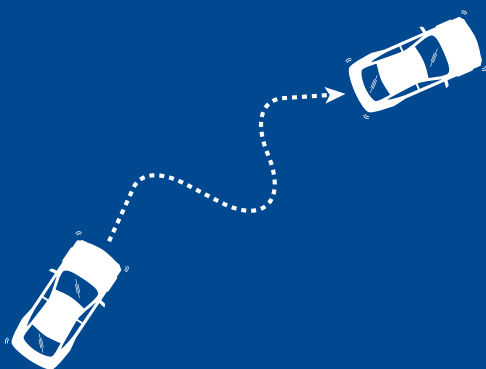
Cannabis cannot be consumed in public places. Cannabis can be consumed in private places, such as residences or rented spaces subject to restrictions of the owner. Cannabis cannot be consumed in common areas of private spaces. Cannabis can only be promoted in places where youth cannot see the product.

PREVENTING CANNABIS IMPAIRED DRIVING

In Newfoundland and Labrador, 15.5% of cannabis users from grades 11-12 have driven within 2 hours of consuming cannabis in the past year (CCSA, 2020). 27.1% people age 16 and over in Newfoundland and Labrador report being in a vehicle operated by a cannabis impaired driver (CCS, 2020).



MEASURES IN PLACE TO ENSURE SAFE ROADS IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



Zero tolerance for drivers under the age of 22, commercial drivers and novice drivers, licence suspension for 1 year minimum if driving impaired. Drivers found to be impaired while driving face licence suspensions, vehicle impoundment, fines, charges and/or time in prison (Government of Newfoundland & Labrador, 2021).

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