

# CANNABIS-RELATED MEASURES PROTECTING YOUTH IN SASKATCHEWAN

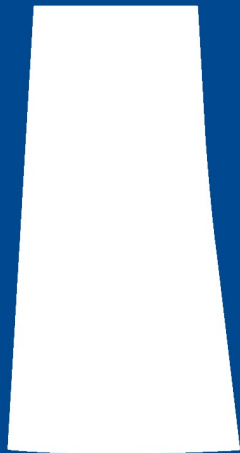


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## THE CANNABIS CONTROL (SASKATCHEWAN) ACT

In addition to the Federal Cannabis Act, the goals of The Cannabis Control (Saskatchewan) Act are to control possession, sale, consumption, transportation and distribution of cannabis.



### LEGAL AGE IN SASKATCHEWAN

19 is the minimum legal age to access and use cannabis products. Selling or distributing cannabis to minors could result in up to six months of imprisonment or a fine of \$25,000 for individuals and \$100,000 for corporations, or both.

### PENALTY FOR UNDERAGE POSSESSION

Youth under the age of 19 that are found possessing, consuming, attempting to purchase cannabis or using false identification to purchase cannabis can face set fines of \$300, with a maximum fine of \$2,000 (Government of Saskatchewan, 2021). Possession over 5 grams may lead to criminal prosecution under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.



### LIMITING EXPOSURE OF CANNABIS TO YOUTH

Youth under 19 years of age are prohibited from entering any business where a cannabis permit has been issued. Failure to request proof of age may result in a fine of \$2,250 to the business (Government of Saskatchewan, 2021). In addition, cannabis permit holders cannot distribute or sell cannabis products that could be believed to target minors.



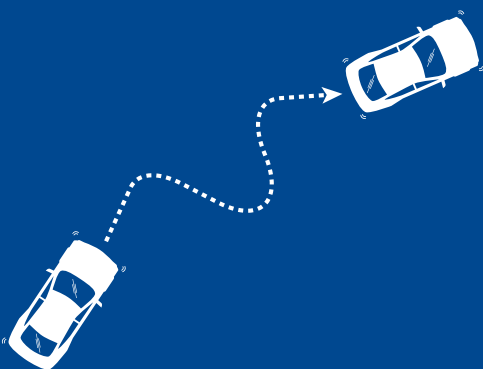
### PREVENTING CANNABIS IMPAIRED DRIVING

In 2017, 19.7% of grade 11-12 students in Saskatchewan reported driving a car within 2 hours of consuming cannabis. 20.9% of students grades 7-12 had been in a vehicle with someone who consumed cannabis within 2 hours (CCSA, 2020).



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

A zero tolerance policy is taken for all drivers. Penalties include licence suspensions, fines, vehicle seizures and mandated education programs. Drivers issued a roadside suspension for impaired driving while transporting a youth under the age of 16 also face extended licence suspensions, increasing with each subsequent offence (Saskatchewan Government Insurance, 2021).



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