

Cannabis in the Northwest Territories:

What You Need to Know

REMEMBER: Cannabis does not become legal until October 17, 2018.

Until then, it is still illegal to buy, use, or possess cannabis.

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19 yrs



How old do I need to be?

You must be 19 years old or older to legally buy, possess or use cannabis in the NWT—the same as the legal drinking age.



How much am I allowed to have?

You can't be in public with more than 30 grams of cannabis at a time.

If you're travelling inside Canada, make sure you know the cannabis laws for your destination.

And remember—it is illegal to transport cannabis across Canadian borders.



Where can I smoke it?

You can use cannabis on private property and in some public spaces.

You can't use it in places where you aren't allowed to smoke cigarettes, and in places where there are children, like playgrounds or schools.



Starting October 17, 2018, cannabis will be legal in the Northwest Territories and the rest of Canada.

Here's what you need to know to stay safe and within the law.



Can I grow my own?

You can grow cannabis inside your home if you are 19 or older.

There is a limit of four plants per household—no matter how many adults live in your home.



What if I rent my home?

Landlords have the right to make their properties cannabis-free.

If you rent, ask your landlord about the rules for smoking and growing cannabis where you live.



What about driving after I've used cannabis?

Don't do it.

It is a criminal offence in Canada to drive while impaired by alcohol or drugs—including cannabis. In the NWT, there is zero tolerance for alcohol and drugs for drivers 21 and under, and some commercial vehicle drivers.



Health Effects of Cannabis

Cannabis can damage your brain, hurt your unborn baby and trigger or worsen mental health problems.

Plus, early and frequent use increases the chance of addiction.

**Have more questions?
Visit www.gov.nt.ca/cannabis for answers.**

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