



Legalization of Marijuana

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Brief Overview

- **What does legalizing marijuana mean?**
- **Purposes of Marijuana**
- **Fines, Penalties and Improper Use**
- **Details and Information**
- **Places of Purchase**
- **Pros and Cons**
- **How is it affecting our health?**
- **How can we spread awareness?**
- **Question Time**

What does Legalizing Marijuana mean and what is it?



- Marijuana refers to the dried leaves, flowers, stems and seeds from the cannabis plants
- Purchase government approved stores and websites
- Change in laws and regulations



Purposes of the legalization of Marijuana

- Legal to use for recreational, medical, and cultivational purposes
- Black market
- Boost economy
- Safer usage and consumption

Fines, Penalties, and Improper Use



Possession over the limit	→ Up to 5 years of jail → Tickets for small amounts
Illegal distribution or sale	→ Up to 14 years of jail → Tickets for small amounts
Producing beyond cultivational limits or with combustible solvents	→ Up to 14 years of jail → Tickets for small amounts
Taking across Canada's borders	→ Up to 14 years of jail
Giving or selling to a person under age 18	→ Up to 14 years of jail
Using youth to commit Cannabis-related crime	→ Up to 14 years of jail



- Ontario
- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Prince Edward Island
- Nova Scotia
- Nunavut
- Northwest Territ.
- Yukon
- British Columbia
- Saskatchewan
- Manitoba
- New Brunswick = 19 + years old
- Alberta
- Quebec = 18 + years old

Details and Information

- Legalized on December 17th, 2018
- Posses and share up to 30 grams of Cannabis
- Buy Cannabis from a government retail store
- Cultivate up to 4 plants per residence
- Make Cannabis products, such as food and drinks, at home as long as organic solvents are not used to create concentrated products





Places of Purchase

- Purchase fresh or dried cannabis, cannabis oil, plants and seeds for cultivation
- Can only purchase from private or government retail stores, online sales. For example OCS



Pros

- Marijuana is effective in relieving nausea and vomiting
- Marijuana can relieve the spasticity of the muscles that is sometimes associated with MS and paralysis
- Marijuana can relieve certain types of chronic pain in Cancer
- Anticipated to lower crime rates and black market
- Helps boost Canadian economy

Cons

- Easily accessible
- Legalizing marijuana can affect teens
- Affects welfare of society
- Frequent marijuana use can seriously affect your short-term and long-term memory.
- Smoked marijuana contains cancer-causing compounds, etc.




How is it affecting our health?

- The brain fully matures at age 25, which means more mature decisions
- If young people smoke marijuana it can have an affect on their developing minds
 - Can alter brain development
 - Decline in cognitive function
 - Poor academic performance
- Legalizing marijuana can appear less of a risk to young people as;
“If it’s illegal it must be dangerous, yet, if it’s legal then it must be okay...” (Global News)

How can we spread awareness

1. Educate people on marijuana use
2. Schools can update codes of conduct and train staff to deal with questions on cannabis
3. Parents and caregivers with young children or teenagers under the legal age of usage should keep Cannabis away from them

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Thank-You!
Any Questions?

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