



CANNABIS LEGALIZATION **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Q1 WHEN DOES CANNABIS BECOME LEGAL IN CANADA

Cannabis becomes legal throughout Canada on October 17, 2018.

Q2 WHAT IS THE MINIMUM AGE TO OBTAIN/USE CANNABIS IN NUNAVUT?

The minimum age to purchase and/or use cannabis in Nunavut is 19 years old.

It will be an offence to sell, give or permit a minor to purchase and/or use cannabis.

Q3 WHERE CAN I BUY CANNABIS IN IQALUIT ONCE IT'S LEGAL?

In Nunavut, cannabis will be available on-line only for the first year.

Q4 WHAT IS THE LEGAL AMOUNT THAT I CAN POSSESS?

As per the Government of Nunavut's legislation, residents will be able to possess 150 grams of dried cannabis at home and carry up to 30 grams on their person.

Q5 CAN I TRAVEL WITH CANNABIS INCLUDING BRING CANNABIS INTO NUNAVUT?

A person over the age of 19 may transport 30 grams of cannabis for their own personal consumption.

Q6 WHERE CAN I SMOKE CANNABIS?

Cannabis may be smoked any place that you are permitted to smoke tobacco. It is important to note that smoking laws have also changed.

Some exceptions include:

- A room in a hotel or motel, or elders' home, that is set aside where smoking is allowed, or
- A structure/shelter set aside for smoking/vaping may be closer than 9 meters to a building, as long as the smoke or vape does not come into contact with persons entering or leaving the building.

Q7 CAN I SMOKE CANNABIS IN A MULTIPLEX OR APARTMENT BUILDING?

The landlord has the right to determine whether tenants are permitted to smoke tobacco and/or cannabis on their premises, especially if the smoke is likely to travel into another tenant's unit or public spaces.

Q8 ARE THERE RESTRICTIONS ON WHERE I CAN SMOKE CANNABIS?

No person shall consume cannabis, tobacco or vape:

- In or on any workplace, or within 9 meters from any entrance or exit;
- In or on the common area of an apartment building or condominium;
- In or on a public place, or within 9 meters of an entrance or exit;
- In a public vehicle, whether or not there are passengers;
- Where child care services are provided;
- Hospital or health care facility including grounds;
- Playground, arena, recreational facility or sports field;
- Public event, such as a parade, concert or other public assembly;
- School or any educational facility including grounds;

Q9 WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES FOR SMOKING IN RESTRICTED AREAS?

As per the Consumption, Smoking and Vaping By-law #863, fines range from \$200 for a first offence and up to \$10,000 for repeated offences.

Q10 IF I WANT TO SELL CANNABIS, WHAT WOULD I NEED TO DO?

Please consult the Government of Nunavut's legislation:

[GOVERNMENT OF NUNAVUT CANNABIS LEGISLATION](#)

Q11 CAN I PURCHASE EDIBLES?

Edibles cannot be purchased the first year. The Federal Government, working with provincial and territorial partners, will draft laws to regulate edibles in the future.

Q12 CAN I GROW MY OWN CANNABIS PLANTS?

Federal Legislation permits residents to grow up to four plants.

Q13 HOW SHOULD I STORE CANNABIS?

Cannabis should be stored in a closed opaque container and kept safely out of sight and reach of children and pets.

Q14 HOW CAN I SAFELY DISPOSE OF CANNABIS?

Once finished, ensure that any remaining cannabis is completely out, and that there are no embers or other fire safety risks, and then dispose in the garbage.

Q15 CAN I DRIVE AFTER TAKING CANNABIS?

Driving under the influence is an offence under the Motor Vehicle Act, including for medical purposes.

Q16 WHO WILL BE ENFORCING CANNABIS LEGISLATION?

The City of Iqaluit's Municipal Enforcement will be enforcing the City's By-law. The RCMP will be enforcing areas of the law that are governed by the Federal Government, including driving offences. City Bylaw will call the RCMP, if it is suspected a driver is driving under the influence of cannabis or any other drug. The RCMP and/or GN Inspector, under the GN legislation, may enter into an agreement with the City to assist in other areas of enforcement.

Q17 WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION

For additional information, consult the following By-law, legislation and Questions and Answers material:

CITY OF IQALUIT BY-LAW #863: CANNABIS CONSUMPTION, SMOKING AND VAPING

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