

LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL CANNABIS FACTS FOR CONDO OWNERS

- **Recreational Cannabis** was legalized by the **Federal Government** Oct. 17, 2018.
- **Three** levels of Government control the production, sale and possession and use of cannabis.
- **Federal Cannabis Act** controls the production, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis.
Under The Act: 1. Adults 18 or older (depending on the province or territory) are able to
 2. possess up to 30 gm of legal cannabis in public.
 3. share up to 30 gm with other adults.
 4. purchase cannabis from a licensed provincial or territorial retailer.
 5. grow up to 4 plants per residence (not per person) for personal use.
 6. adults can buy fresh or dried cannabis, oil or seeds.
 7. other products like edibles, and extracts are illegal until Oct. 17, 2019.
- **Province of Ontario Smoke Free Act** controls minimum age, amount of possession, where cannabis can be purchased and where cannabis can and cannot be smoked.
In Ontario:
 1. minimum age of possession is 19 years.
 2. amount for possession is 30 gm for personal use only.
 3. 4 plants can be grown per household. Seeds or seedlings can only be purchased from the Ontario Cannabis Store or authorized retailer.
 4. cannabis can be purchased only through the Ontario Cannabis Store online or from an authorized retailer. There are 3 authorized retailers in Ottawa.



- **Where Cannabis can be Smoked in Ontario**

In general cannabis can be smoked or vaped anywhere tobacco is legally used.

For Condos, Ontarions can smoke or vape tobacco and cannabis in their **own units** and in any **outdoor common areas** including rooftop terraces, gardens, driveways, sidewalks, common patios or terraces and their **own balconies and patios**.

** **All condos** are now required to adopt their own rule if they want any outdoor areas to be smoke free.

** **Playgrounds.** Unless the Condo has adopted a rule, Ontarions can smoke at **outdoor condo playgrounds**. There are laws prohibiting smoking/vaping in or near **public** playgrounds.

- **Where cannabis cannot be Smoked in Ontario**

There is an extensive list of places in Ontario that are smoke free; for example, schools, hospitals, publicly owned spaces, enclosed public and work places, restaurants, bars and patios of restaurants, bus shelters, playgrounds and outdoor areas of Provincial office buildings.

For **Condos**, this includes **indoor common areas** such as lobbies, hallways, laundry rooms, and party rooms.

- **City of Ottawa By-laws**

The City of Ottawa has adopted the Ontario rules and has added prohibitions to smoking/vaping cannabis on all City property including parks, beaches, rec centers, arenas, pools, transit stations and buses.

The By-Laws allow for Condos, landlords, and co-op housing to place additional restrictions on use of and cultivation of recreational cannabis.

- **Note**

Smoking/vaping recreational cannabis in a Condo is **not** a right protected by the Human Rights Commission of Ontario.