

# CANADA'S NEW CANNABIS LAWS

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# WHAT THE LAW SAYS



- For youth under the age of 19, it will be illegal to grow, possess, buy, sell, or share cannabis.

Over 19:

- Possess up to 30 grams of legal dried cannabis in public
- Possess more than 30 grams of legal dried cannabis inside a dwelling house
- Distribute (share) up to 30 grams of legal dried cannabis with other adults
- Purchase from a provincially licensed retailer
- Cultivate 4 plants/dwelling house – despite # of adults.

# OFFENCE ELEMENTS



## **Possession:** Cannabis Act, Sections 8.1(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)

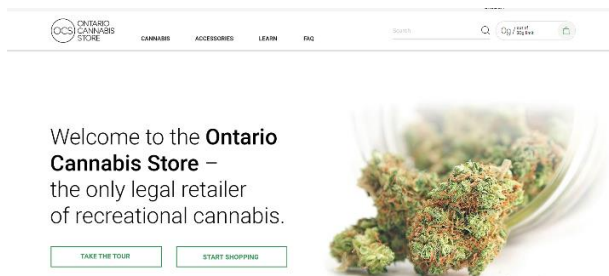
- An adult is prohibited from possessing more than 30 grams in a public place or cannabis that is illicit
- An individual is prohibited from possessing one or more cannabis plants that are budding or flowering in a public place.
- An individual is prohibited from possessing more than four cannabis plants that are not budding or flowering.
- An organization is prohibited from possessing cannabis.

# OFFENCE ELEMENTS



## **Selling/Possession for Selling:** Cannabis Act, Sections 10(1)(2)(5), and 51(2)(d)(e)

- It is prohibited to sell cannabis or a substance represented to be cannabis to an adult.
- It is prohibited to sell cannabis or a substance represented to be cannabis to a young person.
- It is prohibited to sell cannabis or a substance represented to be cannabis to an organization.





- Cannabis cannot be consumed in certain public places, workplaces, or motorized vehicles
- Consumption is not allowed on City Property, including parks, arenas, recreation centres, libraries, pools, transit stations and buses.
- It will be legal to consume anywhere smoking tobacco is allowed, subject to certain restrictions
- Smoke-Free Ontario Act 2017, prohibits smoking or vaping cannabis where smoking/vaping tobacco is prohibited
- [www.ottawa.ca](http://www.ottawa.ca)

# EDIBLES



- Will be legal in 2019
- Gummies, brownies, pop, drinks, suckers – could be anything



# CURRENT LAW – DRUG-IMPAIRED DRIVING



- Drug-impaired driving has been a criminal offence since 1925
- Since 2008, the police have been authorized to demand:
  - Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) at the roadside
  - Drug Recognition Evaluation (DRE) at the police station

# WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR POLICE TO DETECT CANNABIS?



- Oral fluid screening devices
- Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST)



# DRUGGED-DRIVING OFFENCES



- **Criminal Code**

- 3 new offences

- Between 2ng-5ng THC (alcohol less than 50mg)
- Over 5ng THC or any detectable level of
- Over 2.5ng THC plus over 50mg alcohol

- **Highway Traffic Act**

- Zero tolerance for Young, Novice, and Commercial drivers



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