



Frequently asked Questions for October 17, 2018

Q. What is Cannabis?

The term “cannabis” describes cannabis products in general, as opposed to the commonly used term “marijuana”, which only describes parts of the plants. Cannabis is a broad term derived from the leaves, flowers and resins of the cannabis plant.

Q. What does legalization mean?

Cannabis is currently legal for medical purposes for those with a prescription. Cannabis legalization refers to making cannabis legal for non-medical purposes. This is commonly referred to as recreational or personal use.

Q. What is the minimum age for cannabis purchase and consumption in Alberta?

The Alberta government has set the minimum age for purchase and consumption at 18. This is in line with Alberta’s minimum age for purchasing and consuming alcohol and tobacco, as well as the federal government’s minimum age for consuming legal cannabis.

Q. How will people be able to buy cannabis?

Through privately run retail stores and Government operated online sales. Although there have been some applications for retail stores in Camrose, there will not be any in operation in the city on October 17th.

Q. Will people be able to grow cannabis at home?

Yes. Adults will be able to grow up to four plants per residence from seeds purchased from licensed cannabis retailers. Renters may be restricted from growing cannabis, based on the rules of their rental agreements.

Q. How much cannabis can a person buy or carry at a time?

An individual can only buy or carry 30 grams at any given time.

Q. Is it illegal to drive while being impaired by cannabis?

Impaired driving charges are the same regardless of the substance causing the impairment, whether it’s drugs or alcohol. There is zero tolerance for cannabis and/or alcohol for those people with a graduated driver’s license.

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Q. Can cannabis be legally carried in a vehicle?

An individual can carry 30 grams in a vehicle but it cannot be within reach of any occupant of that motor vehicle.

Q. Can children under the age of 18 enter a cannabis store?

No, no one under the age of 18 can enter a cannabis store, even with an adult.

Q. Can I smoke cannabis in public?

Yes, however, the City of Camrose Smoke Free Bylaw regulates NO SMOKING of cannabis or tobacco in the following areas:

- Inside a public building, restaurant, hotel etc.
- Within 5 metres of the doorway of a public building, restaurant, hotel etc.
- In or within 10 metres of a playground, park, sports field etc. (which includes the local trail system in Camrose)
- On any hospital property, school property, or child care facility

Q. If I live in an apartment building that prohibits smoking, and one of the other tenants is smoking inside the building, what should I do?

Since this is not a violation of the law, but rather the rules of the property, you can discuss the matter with the other tenant and/or report the issue to your landlord.

Q. Is cannabis odour covered in the new regulations?

Cannabis odour is not covered in the city's current regulations. Just as residents may have a fire pit in their backyards, residents are also able to use cannabis in their backyards. However, if you are using cannabis, be conscious about how the odour may impact others.

Q. Where can I find information about federal, provincial and municipal regulations for legalized cannabis use in Alberta?

- Cannabis in Canada: "Get the Facts": www.canada.ca/en/services/health/campaigns/cannabis
- Cannabis Legalization in Alberta: www.alberta.ca/cannabis-legalization
- Alberta Health Services: Cannabis
- Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis Commission: Cannabis
- City of Camrose Smoke-Free Bylaw (3002-18)
- Bylaw of the City of Camrose respecting smoke free public places and workplaces (Bylaw 3002-18)

For any further information please contact the Camrose Police Service or the City of Camrose