

What Changes in Ontario?

According to the Ontario Cannabis Act, 2017, Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation Act, 2017 and the Smoke-free Ontario Act, 2017 (legislation is currently on hold) on Oct 17:

- Cannabis will only be sold online by the Ontario Cannabis Store until the private retail model is established.
- The age for an adult to purchase, possess or cultivate cannabis is 19 or older.
- Individuals under the age of 19 cannot attempt to purchase or purchase, possess, consume, or distribute cannabis or engage in home cultivation.
- An individual 19 years of age or older can possess and share up to 30 grams of cannabis or its equivalent in public.
- An individual 19 years of age or older can have/cultivate up to four plants per residence (where they ordinarily reside), inside or outside of his/her property (not per person).
- Cannabis can be consumed in a private residence including the outdoor space of a home (e.g. a porch or backyard), in a unit or on a balcony of a multi-unit residence (subject to a building's rules or lease) but not in public places, workplaces, or inside a vehicle unless an exemption is provided for in the legislation.
- When transporting cannabis in a vehicle or boat, unless otherwise exempt, the cannabis must be packaged in a way that it is fastened closed or is not otherwise readily available to any person in the vehicle or boat.
- There is no limit to the amount of cannabis that can be possessed in the home.

When cannabis is legal, individuals who act outside of the law can still face criminal charges.