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# **Canna-business**

# Cannabis considerations for your workplace

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# Agenda

- Pot law 101
- Employer rights & obligations
- Accommodation
- Travel, testing, insurance
- Cannabis policies



#### **STATUTES OF CANADA 2018**

#### CHAPTER 16

An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts

#### ASSENTED TO

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#### Rules:

- Minimum age of 18
- Possession up to 30 grams in public/ 5 grams for young persons
- Sharing up to 30 grams
- Grow up to 4 plants at home
- No budding/flowering plants in public
- No possession by organizations



#### **Promotion:**

- Restricted to informational/brand-preference
- Restrictions on how cannabis is depicted
- Sponsorship restrictions

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# Pot Law 101

Provincial: Ontario

- Minimum age of 19
- Possession/sharing up to 30 grams
- Recreational consumption allowed except in enclosed public place, enclosed workplace, vehicles/boats
- Recreational **possession** allowed except restrictions re vehicles/boats
- Medical consumption allowed except lighted in enclosed public place/ enclosed workplace
- Purchase online only through OCS until 2019



## **Workplace Rules: Ontario**

#### Legal to:

- Consume in non-enclosed workplace (medical and recreational)
- Consume medical cannabis in enclosed workplace except when smoked/lighted
- Possess



## **Employer rights**

- Prohibiting use/possession of recreational marijuana at work
- Prohibiting impairment at work
- Requesting medical documentation

## **Employer Obligations**

- Accommodation
- Workplace safety
- Compliance with regulations

### Accommodation

• Duty to accommodate up to point of undue hardship

- Two disabilities: (1) underlying medical condition; (2) dependence
- Ways to accommodate:
  - Designated consumption areas?
  - Adjust responsibilities?
  - Leave of absence?
  - Alternative forms of consumption?



#### **Other issues**

#### • Benefits

• Travel

#### Testing

# **Creating a cannabis policy**

- ✓ Medical use
- ✓ Recreational use
- ✓ Impairment
- ✓ Possession/sharing
- ✓ Addiction disclosure
- ✓ Location of use
- ✓ Form of consumption
- ✓ Travel obligations
- ✓ Scent
- ✓ Disciplinary consequences for impairment at work
- ✓ Accommodation



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