



## **A Guide to Legal Marijuana in California**

With the passage of Proposition 64 marijuana is legal to consume recreationally in the State of California. This fact sheet has been prepared to address anticipated questions by various county departments as to what can and cannot be done legally:

### **There is an Age Requirement**

You have to be 21 years or older to purchase, possess or cultivate marijuana or marijuana products.

### **Public Space is NOT the Place**

It is illegal to smoke or ingest marijuana and marijuana products in any public place, except in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 26200 (businesses licensed specifically for public consumption)

### **Don't Drive High**

Driving while high can result in a DUI. Do not drive after ingesting marijuana or marijuana products. It is also illegal for passengers and drivers to use marijuana, or marijuana products while in a vehicle. It is also illegal to carry open containers of marijuana in your vehicle.

### **Marijuana and Jails**

It remains a felony to bring marijuana or marijuana products onto jail property.

### **Secondhand Smoke**

Please be considerate and don't smoke around children, pregnant women, or anyone who doesn't want to be exposed.

### **Consumption Risks**

Marijuana and marijuana products affect everyone differently. What's right for one person may be way too much for another. It can take time to feel the effects of edibles. Be careful when using marijuana with other drugs, alcohol, or medication. The effects can be dangerous and unpredictable.

### **Health Risks**

Heavy marijuana use could affect your memory and may be associated with depression and anxiety.

### **The Marijuana Industry**

The State of California has already issued several licenses for commercial recreational marijuana businesses. The State will issue more after January 1, 2018.

The County of San Diego has passed an ordinance banning recreational marijuana dispensaries in unincorporated areas.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department does not license or regulate recreational marijuana businesses or cultivation for recreational use.

It is not legal to operate an unlicensed commercial enterprise which produces, manufactures or sells recreational marijuana or recreational marijuana products.