

Cannabis

Residence Life is committed to offering ongoing education and promoting awareness initiatives about cannabis to students. We are committed to developing, implementing and supporting ongoing education initiatives utilizing an awareness, prevention and harm reduction approach.

This policy will be in effect when the Federal Cannabis Act is enacted (at the time of printing, it is scheduled for October 17th, 2018). Until that time, cannabis will be considered a “Drug and Illegal Substances” (p. 13).

The legal age for the consumption, possession and use of cannabis is 19 years. Residence students are required to follow all legally binding restriction and laws with regards to cannabis, as well as all applicable University polices, municipal and provincial regulations.

Residence students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Lower-Risk Cannabis Use Guidelines (<https://www.camh.ca/-/media/files/pdfs---reports-and-books---research/canadas-lower-risk-guidelines-cannabis-pdf.pdf>) as well as the Nova Scotia Cannabis Control Act (www.novascotia.ca/cannabis).

In addition to the federal and provincial regulations, the following cannabis related activities are **prohibited** in residence:

- Possession and consumption under the age of 19;
- Sale and/or distribution of cannabis;
- Possession and/or consumption of edibles or cooking with cannabis in residence;
- Possession and consumption in any common areas, lounges, bathrooms or hallways;
- Smoking (or vaping) cannabis in residence or within 10 m of any building, window or door;
- Cultivation of cannabis. Students cannot grow or possess cannabis plants in residence;
- Improper storage of cannabis and cannabis accessories (i.e. rolling papers or wrappers, pipes, etc.). It is highly recommended that cannabis be stored in locked, opaque, storage units/containers that contain the smell and ensure cannabis cannot be visually identified. If there are issues or complaints pertaining to odor made by roommates, floormates or members of the residence community, they will be treated as a violation of this policy;
- The consumption and/or preparation of highly potent forms of cannabis (including but not limited to budder and shatter);
- Cannabis that has not been legally obtained;

- Any other activities that are contrary to Federal and/or Provincial legislation

Medicinal Cannabis

- Any accommodation for medicinal use of cannabis in residence must be granted in conjunction with the Accessibility Services Office prior to engaging in the use of cannabis for this purpose. Accessibility Services and Residence Life Offices will work collaboratively to devise a specific accommodation plan on a case-by-case basis.

Please note:

Any concerns regarding your use, consumption or the behaviors or impacts of another's use of cannabis should be discussed with your RA or Don, who can direct you to the appropriate education or harm-reduction resources.

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