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## CANNABIS LEGALIZATION - KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS SAFE

### WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND LEGALIZED CANNABIS?

Non-medical cannabis has become legal across Canada as of 17 October, and it is important to learn about the cannabis laws in Canada. The [Cannabis Control and Licensing Act](#) (CCLA) and [Cannabis Distribution Act](#) regulate the sale, distribution and consumption of cannabis in British Columbia. The legislation includes significant restrictions aimed at preventing access to cannabis by students (defined as minors under age 19) and use of cannabis by adults.

Cannabis cannot be consumed in or on school property, or within a prescribed distance.

- Cannabis cannot be smoked or vaped anywhere where tobacco smoking and vaping are prohibited, including a workplace, vehicle, playground or outdoor park, sports field, skate park, or other places where children commonly gather, near entry/exits, or at a bus stop.
- Cannabis cannot be sold, supplied, or allowed to be consumed by minors, in addition to a variety of other measures to prohibit and prevent access of cannabis to minors.

### WHAT IS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DOING TO INFORM STUDENTS OF THE RISKS?

The Comox Valley School District is committed to creating safe opportunities for students to learn about the inherent risks associated with substance use. As a part of our health and safety standards and measures, which is focused on early prevention and harm-reduction, we will provide resources and information to educate students, staff and parents / guardians about the risks. Our goal is to maintain a positive learning environment for everyone.

### WHAT IS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DOING TO ENSURE SAFETY OF STUDENTS?

Prohibiting the use of cannabis on school district property is in accordance with Board of Education Administrative Procedure 6020 R1, Student Behaviour, Para 3.2.1.3, and the BC government's priority of protecting children and youth.

All staff, students and parents/guardians are prohibited from negatively impacting the learning environment, which includes consuming, distributing, possessing, and selling cannabis.

### TAKE A POSITIVE STEP TOWARD ENSURING THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS

We have a shared responsibility in keeping schools safe and ask that everyone do their part to keep the learning environment free from impairment. Have conversations with your teen(s) about cannabis. Here are some helpful links to find information and tips for talking about drugs:

[www.heretohelp.bc.ca](http://www.heretohelp.bc.ca)

[Letstalkcannabis.ca](http://Letstalkcannabis.ca)

<https://www.drugfreekidscanada.org/prevention/drug-info/cannabis/>

#### **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CANNABIS AND LEGISLATION IN CANADA**

Visit the Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis page on the Government of Canada website for the most up-to-date information.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/campaigns/cannabis.html>

*Stay informed, talk to your children and students and  
keep our schools safe!*