



Frequently Asked Questions

Where will Calgarians be able to purchase cannabis?

The Government of Alberta's Bill 26, An Act to Control and Regulate Cannabis, would allow for two kinds of retail sales in Alberta: privately operated retail stores and government operated online retail. More details around how privately operated retail stores will be regulated and licensed are expected early in 2018.

Where will Calgarians be able to consume cannabis?

The Government of Alberta has proposed allowing Albertans to consume cannabis in their homes and in some public spaces where smoking and vaping tobacco is allowed. To protect children and limit second-hand smoke, Bill 26 would restrict public consumption from areas frequented by children, from hospitals and school properties and generally where smoking is prohibited. Consuming cannabis will also be banned in vehicles. Municipalities may create additional restrictions on public consumption using their existing authorities.

Initially, venues specific for consuming cannabis will not be permitted. Bill 26 provides the Government of Alberta with authority to license these types of establishments in the future and this issue will be re-explored once the system for cannabis is established and guidelines for edible cannabis products have been set by the federal government.

Will advertising be allowed?

The federal government has proposed strict rules about advertising, labelling and packaging cannabis. Restrictions on cannabis advertising and packaging will generally mirror what is in place for tobacco.

The Government of Alberta's Bill 26 establishes authority to further regulate advertising, labelling and promotion of cannabis if required.

Will the sale of cannabis edibles be allowed?

While the intent of the federal government is that edible cannabis products will eventually be available, sales of edibles will be phased in at a later date after the Cannabis Act is expected to come into force in July 2018. The federal government needs to have a better understanding of risks and regulations for edible products and until then, only dried and fresh cannabis, cannabis oil, and seeds and plants for personal cultivation will be made available for legal purchase.

Why is growing cannabis for personal consumption part of the proposed Act?

Ensuring that adult Canadians can access legal cannabis is part of the strategy of eliminating the illegal market. Allowing adults to grow their own cannabis plants at home will help improve access for

Canadians with limited financial means and provide the ability for personal oversight of quality and strain selection.

What are the separation distances that apply to Liquor Stores in Calgary?

As per The City of Calgary Land Use Bylaw, the minimum separation distance from one liquor store to another is 300 meters and the minimum separation distance between a liquor store and a school or daycare site is 150 meters.

For more details, please visit: calgary.ca/LUB (Part 10)

What are the regulations regarding Medical Cannabis Production and Counselling Facilities in Calgary?

For detailed information regarding Medical Cannabis Production and Counselling Facility regulations, please visit: calgary.ca/LUB (Sections 233.1 and 233.2)