

LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS

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Panel Discussion



WHAT IMPACT WILL LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS HAVE ON OUR COMMUNITY?

➤ Social Impacts

This is to be Determined.....

THE BASICS

The Federal Government

- ▶ Has decided that regulations will be a safer and a healthier response than strict prohibition.
- ▶ They will regulate production, distribution and consumption through law.

As the Law stands Today Marijuana is Prohibited!

- Other than for medical use, Issued by a practitioner in the form of a prescription.



WHO AND WHERE ?

Marihuana possession and consumption will remain illegal in:

- ✓ Public Places as per
- ✓ Smoke-Free Ontario Act
- ✓ Ontario Regulation 48/06
- ✓ Motorized veh.
- ✓ Work Places

There will be an absolute prohibition of possession and consumption for youth under 19

WILL HAVING CANNABIS LEGALIZED BE LIKE THE WILD WEST?

Cannabis will be strictly regulated!!!

- ▶ As of October 17, 2018, the Ontario Cannabis Store website will be the only legal option for purchasing recreational cannabis. It will follow strict rules set by the federal government
- ▶ Must be 19 years or older to consume, possess or purchase.
- ▶ Anyone over 19 will be able to possess up to 30 grams and share up to 30 grams with other adults.
- ▶ Grow up to 4 plants per residence.

Criminal Charges and Provincial Penalties

- Provincial Offence Notices "Tickets"
- Criminal Prosecution
- Imprisonment



WHAT WILL THE IMPACT OF LEGALIZING CANNABIS HAVE ON ROADWAYS SAFETY?

It is illegal to drive drug impaired and this is as dangerous as driving drunk.

Cannabis slows your reaction time and your fine motor skills that are required to drive safely.

Increases your chance of being in a collision

4 people in Canada are killed everyday from impaired driving. We don't anticipate a reduction.



The Federal Government has committed \$1 60 million dollars for initial training for Police Officers.

They are currently working with the Centre of Forensic Sciences to develop oral fluid testing.



- This test will be able to test for marihuana and 6 other drugs.
- One device to date Dräger DrugTest 5000 STK-CA has been introduced however issues with the device are restricting.

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