



# WHAT'S LEGAL? Medical vs. Adult-use Cannabis

## Adult-use

## Medical

### MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE CANNABIS

Adults ages 21 or older.<sup>1</sup>

Adults ages 18 or older, with either a valid physician's recommendation or a valid county-issued medical marijuana identification card.<sup>A, 2</sup>

### TAXES ON CANNABIS SALES

State excise tax (15%) + State/local sales tax (varies) + Local tax (where applicable; varies).<sup>3</sup>

Exempt from state/local sales tax, if purchaser presents a valid county-issued medical marijuana ID card.<sup>4</sup>

### AMOUNT YOU CAN POSSESS

Up to 1 ounce (28.5 grams) of cannabis and 8 grams of concentrate.<sup>1</sup>

Up to 8 ounces of dried cannabis.<sup>B, 5</sup>

### AMOUNT YOU CAN GROW

Up to 6 cannabis plants, inside or on the grounds of your private residence (subject to local restrictions).<sup>C, 6</sup>

Up to 6 mature cannabis plants or 12 immature plants (subject to local restrictions).<sup>5</sup>

### PLACES WHERE SMOKING AND/OR CONSUMPTION IS PROHIBITED

In any public place, or anywhere that tobacco smoking is prohibited.<sup>7</sup>

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Within 1,000 feet of a school, recreation center, or youth center, if the smell can be detected on the grounds of that facility while children are present.<sup>7</sup>

Within 1,000 feet of a school, recreation center, or youth center, unless within a residence.<sup>9</sup>

While riding in or driving a vehicle or boat.<sup>7</sup>

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### LANDLORD AND EMPLOYER RIGHTS

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## NOTES

A Individuals of any age may legally possess and use medicinal cannabis with a valid physician's recommendation. However, only adults ages 18 and older can legally purchase medicinal cannabis.

B If a qualified patient or primary caregiver has a physician's recommendation that this quantity does not meet the qualified patient's medical needs, the qualified patient or primary caregiver may possess an amount of cannabis consistent with the patient's needs.

C Cultivation area must be locked and not visible from any public place. Cities and counties may limit or prohibit outdoor cannabis cultivation and may impose other "reasonable regulations." Note that it is illegal to sell any amount of cannabis without a license.

## CITATIONS

- <sup>1</sup> Cal. Health and Safety Code, Section 11362.1
- <sup>2</sup> Cal. Business and Professions Code, Section 26140 and Cal. Health and Safety Code, Section 11362.5
- <sup>3</sup> Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code, Sections 34011 and 34021
- <sup>4</sup> Cal. Revenue and Taxation Code, Section 34011
- <sup>5</sup> Cal. Health and Safety Code, Section 11362.77
- <sup>6</sup> Cal. Health and Safety Code, Section 11362.2
- <sup>7</sup> Cal. Health and Safety Code, Section 11362.3
- <sup>8</sup> Controlled Substances Act (CSA) (21 U.S.C. § 811)
- <sup>9</sup> Cal. Health and Safety Code, Section 11362.79
- <sup>10</sup> Cal. Health and Safety Code, Section 11362.45
- <sup>11</sup> Cal. Health and Safety Code, Section 11362.785

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