

Cannabis – Information on Enforcement

New Brunswickers 19 and over can now legally purchase, possess, cultivate and consume cannabis. The Government of Canada legalized cannabis across Canada on October 17, 2018, and the Province of New Brunswick is committed to supporting a smooth transition for all residents. This means prioritizing public health education and awareness while providing a retail environment that is safe, legal, responsible and limited to adults. It also means seeking out economic development opportunities arising from this new industry.

New rules for New Brunswickers

New Brunswick's new legislative framework includes robust regulations for distribution and sale, and public consumption of cannabis while ensuring awareness programs are funded and supported.

The new laws are designed to protect children, keep the public safe and ensure New Brunswickers have the information they need to make healthy decisions about cannabis consumption.

A public education and awareness campaign "[I'm in Control](#)" provides public health information that allow New Brunswickers to make better decisions on whether cannabis is right for them. The "[Legal Route](#)" campaign focuses on educating the public on the rules around cannabis possession and consumption.

Municipalities and police organizations around the province will be a critical partner in this new environment.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Where can people consume cannabis in New Brunswick?

A: The only legal place to consume cannabis in New Brunswick is in a private dwelling or in the land adjacent to the private dwelling (in your home or in your backyard). Consuming cannabis in public is prohibited. More information can be found at gnb.ca/cannabis.

Q: Who will New Brunswickers call if they see someone violating smoking or consuming cannabis in public?

A: Violations for smoking and/or vaping cannabis in areas covered under the Smoke-free Places Act can be reported to the Smoke-free Places Act Information Line.

The Smoke-free Places Act Information Line toll-free number is **1-866-234-4234**.

Q: What is the Smoke-free Places Act Information Line?

A: The Smoke-free Places Act restricts smoking and vaping in public places and workplaces. The departments of Health, and Public Safety and WorkSafe NB have partnered to enforce the requirements of this Act. Individuals or companies who call the toll-free number to report a violation of the Smoke-free Places Act will be asked to provide basic information about the violation. Depending on the nature of the violation this information is provided to local enforcement personnel with one of the three departments listed above for investigation. If the violation is verified upon investigation, warnings and orders may be written and issued.

Q: What areas does the Smoke-free Places Act include?

A: The legislation prohibits smoking in all enclosed public places, indoor workplaces, on school grounds and in vehicles with children under the age of 16.

Examples include:

- On patios where food and/or alcohol is served and within 3m from the patio boundary
- 9m from doorways, windows and air intakes of public buildings
- On outdoor playgrounds and within 20m of their perimeters (examples: slides, swings, climbing structures, splash pads, wading pools, sand boxes)
- On outdoor sports and recreational areas including spectator stands and within 20m of their perimeters (examples: tennis courts, baseball fields, soccer fields, swimming pools, beaches, skateboard parks, skating rinks)
- On public walking trails and within 9m of the trail
- In provincial parks (except in designated smoking areas, golf courses and on an occupied campsite)

Q: What if the complaint does not fall under the Smoke-free Places Act?

A: For all other complaints concerning cannabis New Brunswickers will be directed to contact their local police detachment. This would include complaints or violations that fall under the provincial Cannabis Control Act or the federal Cannabis Act.

Q: What should someone do if they suspect someone is driving impaired?

A: Driving impaired is against the law. Law enforcement should be contacted if you suspect someone is driving impaired. Driving impaired can result in consequences like a fine, criminal charges, or even jail time.

Resources:

[Cannabis in New Brunswick](#)

[Cannabis in Canada](#)

[Fact sheet: Information for landlords and tenants](#)

Acts:

[Federal Cannabis Act](#)

[Provincial Cannabis Control Act](#)

[Smoke-free Places Act](#)