

CANNABIS - Information about Nursing Homes and Special Care Homes

It is now legal for those aged 19 and older to purchase, possess, cultivate and consume cannabis in New Brunswick. In New Brunswick, consumption of cannabis in any form is prohibited anywhere but in a private dwelling or on land adjacent to a private dwelling (in your house, in your backyard, etc.). If consuming cannabis in another residence, you must have the permission of the home-owner.

Operators and administrators of group living facilities, including special care homes, community residences and nursing homes, can restrict smoking (which includes smoking of both tobacco and cannabis) and growing cannabis on their properties but not overall cannabis consumption.

Each building may have separate rules extending past those expressed in the Smoke-free Places Act. For specific questions regarding your unit or building, please contact your operator.

Q: Can operators and administrators ban cannabis consumption?

A: Operators and administrators are able to restrict residents from growing cannabis plants and can choose to restrict smoking in their facilities. Operators and administrators who have already established “no smoking” facilities, will not have to re-write their policies as “no smoking” is all encompassing. If an operator or administrator has facilities where smoking is permitted, they cannot restrict the smoking of cannabis.

Cannabis will come in many forms and operators and administrators will not be able to ban other forms of cannabis consumption.

Q: Are the rules for medical cannabis different for residents?

A: Medical cannabis consumers are still restricted by the rules of their home. Operators and administrators can restrict smoking inside their units but are not allowed to restrict the consumption of cannabis in other ways.

Health Information:

Using cannabis is a personal choice. There are short-term and long-term health risks associated with cannabis use, particularly for persons under the age of 25, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and persons living with or with a family history of mental health issues.

Understand the risks to make an informed decision on your personal cannabis use. For more information visit InControlNB.ca. Refer to [Canada's Lower-Risk Cannabis Use Guidelines](#) to reduce your risk.