



CNMI CANNABIS COMMISSION

RECREATIONAL

"TAULAMWAAR SENSIBLE CNMI CANNABIS ACT"
PUBLIC LAW 20-66 AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 21-05

WHAT IS MARIJUANA?

Marijuana means all parts of the plant genus cannabis, seeds thereof, and every compound, manufacture, salt derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant and its seeds whether growing or not, regardless of moisture content, other than marijuana extracts.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO CULTIVATE HOMEGROWN MARIJUANA?

Any individual 21 years or older may apply to produce, process, keep, or store marijuana at their household or cultivation site for non-commercial purposes.

HOW MANY HOMEGROWN MARIJUANA PLANTS CAN I GROW AT A TIME?

The total amount of marijuana plants at the household or cultivation site should not exceed six (6) mature plants (with observable flowers or buds) and no more than twelve (12) immature plants (no observable flowers or buds) at any time. Notwithstanding the fact that newly formed young, immature flowers or buds are not, for the most part, considered matured flowers or buds, for purposes of compliance with Public Law 20-66 as amended by Public Law 21-5, any observable flowers or buds shall be considered a mature or adult cannabis plant.

ARE THERE RESTRICTIONS FOR WHERE I CAN GROW MARIJUANA?

Homegrown marijuana cultivation may only occur on property lawfully in possession, either by appropriate lease or actual ownership of the cultivator or with the consent of the person in lawful possession of the property.

Homegrown marijuana plants must be cultivated in a location where the plants are not subject to public view without the use of binoculars, aircrafts, or other optical aids.

A person cultivating homegrown marijuana must take reasonable precautions to ensure the plants are secure from unauthorized access and access by persons under 21 years of age.

ARE THERE RESTRICTIONS OF WHERE I CAN USE MARIJUANA?

It is unlawful for any person to engage in the use, display, or exhibits of marijuana items in a public place or public property or in the presence of a person under 21 years of age.

It is unlawful for any person to engage in the use of marijuana or to possess marijuana in "Marijuana-free Zones".

WHAT IS CONSIDERED A "PUBLIC PLACE" OR "PUBLIC PROPERTY"?

A "public place" or "public property" means a place to which the general public has access and includes, but is not limited to, beaches, hallways, lobbies and other parts of apartment houses and hotels not constituting rooms or apartments designed for actual residence, and highways, streets, schools, places of amusement, parks, playgrounds and premises used in connection with public transportation or any property owned by the CNMI or Department of Public Lands.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED A "MARIJUANA-FREE ZONE"?

Any government building.

Any school or school property (whether public or private).

The Northern Marianas College (with exceptions for research as may be permitted by NMC).

Any business establishments licensed to serve alcohol.

Any federal building.

HOW MUCH MARIJUANA CAN I LEGALLY POSSESS AT ONE TIME?

A person 21 years of age or older can legally possess (carry) the following:

Not more than one (1) ounce of useable marijuana on your persons in public but out of public view (except marijuana-free zones §53054 (c)).

Not more than eight (8) ounces of useable marijuana in your home.

Not more than sixteen (16) ounces of any marijuana product in solid form.

Not more than seventy-two (72) ounces of marijuana products in liquid form.

Not more than five (5) grams of marijuana extracts at any given time.

Not more than six (6) immature plants.

CAN MY EMPLOYER DRUG TEST ME FOR MARIJUANA?

Employers in the private sector, the Commonwealth and municipal governments retain the right to maintain and establish their respective workplace policies as it relates to marijuana which may include drug testing. While marijuana use is permissible in certain circumstances under CNMI law, employers maintain the right to uphold their own employment policies as it relates to marijuana use.

WHERE CAN I APPLY FOR A COMMERCIAL LICENSE?

Applications will become available upon the launch of the official cnmicannabis.org website.

The Commission encourages the public to familiarize themselves with the Cannabis Rules and Regulations regarding commercial licenses, which can be found in the Commonwealth Registry Volume 42 No. 3. (cnmilaw.org)

ARE THERE MARIJUANA RESTRICTIONS FOR PERSONS UNDER 21?

Restrictions include, but are not limited to, the following:

It is unlawful for a person under the age of 21 to possess, purchase, attempt to purchase, consume, accept as a gift, or sell a marijuana item.

It is unlawful for any person to smoke marijuana in the presence of a person under 21 years of age.

It is unlawful for a person to allow persons under 21 years of age to participate in marijuana related activities, such as consumption, on their property.

It is the responsibility of the person cultivating homegrown marijuana to ensure that persons under the age of 21 are not allowed access to marijuana plants or items.

CAN I GET A DUI UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MARIJUANA?

Yes, in addition to existing CNMI DUI laws, consuming or use of marijuana while operating motorized vehicles on public roads is illegal, punishable by fines up to \$500 and/or suspension of their driver's license up to 6 months for the first offense. A second or subsequent offense is punishable by fines up to \$1,000, suspension of their driver's license up to 1 year or both. Marijuana impairs the ability to drive by affecting your coordination, attention, judgement, reaction time and decision-making skills.

CAN I SELL OR PURCHASE HOMEGROWN MARIJUANA?

No. Homegrown Marijuana is for personal use and is non-commercial.

CAN I GIFT MARIJUANA TO ANOTHER PERSON?

A person 21 years of age or older may give marijuana, or up to six (6) immature plants, marijuana products or marijuana items to another person (21 years and older) as a gift provided the person being given accepts the gift.

CAN I IMPORT AND EXPORT MARIJUANA ITEMS?

Commonwealth and Federal law prohibits the importation or exportation of any federally restricted substance.

WHAT IF I VIOLATE THE CANNABIS ACT AND THE COMMISSION'S RULES AND REGULATIONS?

Depending on the severity of the violation or crime, a person may be subjected to varied fines, penalties, and/or the possibility of imprisonment if found in violation of Federal / Commonwealth law or the Cannabis regulations.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT CANNABIS IN THE CNMI?

The Commission encourages the community to review CNMI Public Law 20-66, CNMI Public Law 21-05, and the Cannabis Commission Rules and Regulations to learn more.

Please email media@cnmicannabis.org for more information or inquiries regarding the Cannabis Industry.