CANNABIS IN LONG BEACH

What’s Legal and What’s Safe
MAUCRSA (Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act); Senate Bill 94

Adult-use cannabis (what some call “recreational” or “non-medicinal”) sales became legal on January 1st, 2018

BUT

Sales must be through a dispensary licensed for adult-use

Adult-use cannabis dispensaries are currently prohibited in Long Beach
Remember that cannabis is still illegal under Federal law.

**18 Medicinal Cannabis**
If you are 18 years or older and have a medical need, you may legally use cannabis with a doctor’s recommendation.

**21 Adult-Use Cannabis**
If you are 21 years or older, you may legally use cannabis.
These are just a few names for the plant or its by-products.
Driving under the influence (DUI) of cannabis is considered driving with ANY amount of THC in your system. THC can remain in your system for 2 weeks OR LONGER, even if you are no longer high.

Studies have found that drivers high from cannabis are less able to stay in the middle of their lane and have slower reflexes to sudden obstacles.

THC (or tetrahydrocannabinol) is the psychoactive chemical in cannabis. Driving high is NOT legal.

It impairs mental functions and reflexes necessary for safe driving, increasing the risk of hurting yourself or someone else.

Driving under the influence of both alcohol and cannabis is riskier than driving under the influence of either by themselves.
It can take more than **2 hours** to feel the full psychoactive effects of cannabis.

**Tips**

**This is not your parent's pot**

THC levels are much higher today than they were in previous decades.

**Not all weed is created equal**

THC concentration and how you consume will affect the intensity and duration of your high. Example: edibles are known for producing intense and long-lasting highs.
Sharing is not caring

If you have a doctor’s recommendation for cannabis, know that (as with any personal medication), it should NOT be shared with anyone else.

Sharing cannabis or cannabis products with those under 21 years of age is illegal.

Frequent use of high-dose cannabis before complete brain development (around 25 years of age) has been associated with long-term side effects. Talk to your children about delaying use and using in moderation, if they choose to use at all.
The safest products:

**Have accurate dosing information**
Pay attention to **potency or concentration**. This should be clearly labelled on product packaging.

While it is rare, some products are **laced** with other drugs or chemicals to mask poor quality.

**Meet State standards for chemical limits**
Some manufacturing methods mean end products contain **chemicals** like formaldehyde, butane, heavy metals and other harmful substances.

Remember that anytime a contaminated product is concentrated, **the contaminants are concentrated too**.

**Are free from mold, fungus, and pest contamination**
Cannabis **contaminated** by microorganisms can have **life-threatening** consequences. This is especially true for **immuno-compromised** medicinal cannabis patients.

**Vaporizers**
As with cannabis, the health impacts of vaporizer use have not been studied extensively. Be aware that there may be significant risks associated with this method of consumption.

**86%**
A recent study found that 86% of California cannabis clones were contaminated.

Purchasing from a licensed dispensary can help reduce your risk of consuming unsafe products.
SYNTHETIC Cannabis

Also known as “spice,” this drug is illegal. The compound is man-made to imitate THC and has been shown to have significant health consequences, including death.
Cannabis use is NOT LEGAL in any public space

Additionally...

You cannot smoke in rental units deemed smoke-free or anywhere else where tobacco smoking is prohibited.

You cannot smoke cannabis within 1,000 ft of a school or youth center while children are present (except on private residential property where smoking is not detectable by others on grounds when children are present).
Lock It Up

Store your stash out of sight and reach from children and pets.

If possible, store your cannabis and paraphernalia in a locked location – especially if you think it may be vulnerable to prying hands.


Asbridge Mark, Hayden Jill A, Cartwright Jennifer L. Acute cannabis consumption and motor vehicle collision risk: systematic review of observational studies and meta-analysis *BMJ* 2012; 344:e536

Senate Bill 94 2017-2018


California Code, Vehicle Code - VEH § 23152-153

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Division 1, Chapter 13. Manufactured Cannabis Safety, Subchapter 5


Controlled Substances Act (CSA) (21 U.S.C. § 811)


