

Cannabis legalization information for parents

As of October 17, 2018, cannabis will be legal in Canada. Yukon schools will ensure students have the information they need to make healthy choices and stay safe. Drug and alcohol education, including cannabis, continues to be part of Yukon's school curriculum.

The legal age to use, possess, cultivate or purchase cannabis is 19 years of age. Adults must ensure that children under 19 do not have access to their cannabis or cannabis plants.

Educators will continue to have grade-appropriate conversations with students to teach them about the risks of cannabis use, as well as the use of alcohol and illegal drugs. The use of cannabis continues to be prohibited on school grounds.

If you suspect your child is having problems with drugs or alcohol, you can talk with your school about getting help from a guidance counselor or alcohol and drug services counselor or contact Mental Wellness and Substance Use Services at 867-456-3838.

For more information on how we are educating students about the risk of cannabis and other drugs, visit www.education.gov.yk.ca/drug_education.html or speak with your child's teacher. For more information about cannabis legalization in Yukon, visit yukon.ca/cannabis or see the Department of Health and Social Services' video on key things Yukoners need to know about cannabis at youtu.be/N1v2BLibNgc.