

#### **STUDENT HOUSING SERVICES**

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## STUDENT HOUSING SERVICES CANNABIS POLICY

• **Preamble:** Student Housing Services at the University of Guelph recognizes that the responsible use of cannabis is ultimately the responsibility of the individual. Nevertheless, Student Housing Services provides this Policy to inform student residents as to the limits for cannabis possession and use with student residence.

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# 1.0 Scope

The Cannabis Policy applies to all student residents and their guests. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with and complying with this Policy and the Residence Community Living Standards.

# 2.0 General

- i) Students and guests in residence must abide by all Federal and Provincial legislation as well as all applicable University policies including but not limited to the Smoking Policy and the <u>Residence Community Living Standards</u>.
- ii) Student residents and guests who are at least 19 years old may possess cannabis within residence subject to legislated limits (eg. 30 grams or less of dried cannabis). Subject to accommodations in accordance with the *Human Rights Code*, the use, consumption and growing of cannabis as further detailed in this Policy, is prohibited in residence.
- iii) No resident may act as an agent for advertising a licensed off-campus venue during their stay in residence, as per the <u>Residence Community Living Standards</u>. Promotion of cannabis in any way will not be permitted.
- iv) Student Housing Services' primary concern is for the health and safety of our students. Students are strongly encouraged to call for emergency medical assistance for themselves or for others whose health and safety is jeopardized from the over consumption of cannabis. Should emergency services be required due to a resident's over consumption of cannabis, SHS will likely follow-up once the medical emergency is over.

#### 3.0 Cannabis in Residence

#### 3.1 Prohibited Items

Student Housing Services prohibits possession of the following cannabis related items:

#### i) Materials Used for the Production and Distribution of Cannabis

Materials used in the growing, production or distribution of cannabis, including but not limited to seeds and plants, are not permitted in residence.

#### ii) Edibles and Concentrates

The possession, production, or use of edibles, or concentrates in residence is not be permitted.

#### 3.2 Consumption in Residence

Consumption of cannabis including but not limited to consumption by vaping, smoking, eating of edibles, and concentrates, is not permitted in residence.

# 3.3 Possession in Public Space

If residents wish to transport cannabis to an area where the consumption of cannabis is permitted, cannabis must be transported in a contained, closed, or sealed package/container. Residents must proceed without delay through the residence environment.

#### 3.4 Sale of Cannabis

The sale of cannabis is not permitted in residence

# 3.5 Inappropriate and/or High Risk Behaviour

- i) Any conduct or behaviour related to cannabis that threatens the safety or well-being of oneself or others is prohibited. A student's consumption behaviour should not negatively impact or alarm a residence community due to high risk or irresponsible behaviour; for example, providing cannabis to unwilling participants or those underage or consuming cannabis to the point of requiring medical attention.
- ii) Impairment due to the consumption of cannabis is not considered an excuse for unacceptable behaviour and violations of the <u>Residence Community Living Standards</u>.

## 4.0 Deliveries of Cannabis

Deliveries of cannabis through regular post, courier, or other delivery service will not be accepted by Student Housing and will not be delivered to student residents.

# 5.0 Infractions of Cannabis Policy

#### 5.1 Response to Infractions

Residents and guests who are believed to be in breach of this Policy may face criminal charges and/or disciplinary action.

## 6.0 Medicinal Cannabis

Students requiring accommodation with respect to the use of medicinal cannabis in residence must obtain prior written agreement from the University. Student Residents should contact the Director of Student Housing Services (SHS) for further information. Please refer to the Medicinal Cannabis Policy or e-mail housing@uoguelph.ca.

# 7.0 Related Documents

Related legislation and policy documents include:

- 1. Residence Community Living Standards
- 2. Smoking in the Workplace Policy
- 3. Medical Cannabis Policy

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