



Recreational Cannabis on Premises Policy

Category: Health and Safety

Jurisdiction: Vice President, Administration and Finance;

Approval Authority: Executive Team;

Established on: October 17, 2018;

Amendments: None.

Most Recent Review: March 28, 2022.

Purpose:

Through this policy, Lakehead University will promote a healthy and safe environment for all students, employees and visitors to campus.

General:

Recreational smoking or vaping of cannabis on Lakehead University Property is prohibited. Recreational consumption of cannabis through other means on Lakehead University Property is prohibited except in residence rooms and in accordance with this Policy.

Application and Scope:

This Policy applies to all individuals on Lakehead University Property, including students, employees, contractors, visitors, and others.

This Policy applies only to recreational use and consumption of cannabis. This policy does not apply to duly authorized medical use of cannabis, or to cannabis for duly authorized research purposes.

Definitions:

“Consumption” includes ingesting cannabis by any means, including smoking, vaping, eating, or other methods.

“Lakehead University Property” includes

- real property (ie buildings and grounds) owned or leased by Lakehead University, or otherwise occupied by Lakehead University; and
- any University owned or leased vehicle or boat.

Policy:

Individuals are responsible for familiarizing themselves with laws related to cannabis, including possession and recreational use and consumption of cannabis. Individuals are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the health and other effects of cannabis use.

No cultivation of cannabis is permitted anywhere on Lakehead University Property.

Recreational use or consumption of cannabis is **not** permitted anywhere on Lakehead University Property including in public spaces or workplaces (including designated smoking areas) except as otherwise specifically set out herein.

Despite the *Smoking on Premises Policy*, recreational smoking or vaping of cannabis is **not** permitted anywhere on Lakehead University Property.

The following provisions are applicable to recreational use and consumption of cannabis other than by smoking or vaping:

- Recreational use or consumption of cannabis in common areas of University Residences is not permitted.
- Responsible non-smoking or non-vaping recreational use or consumption of cannabis is permitted in University residence rooms, by those of legal age and subject to all applicable laws.

- The University may establish rules governing recreational use and consumption of cannabis in University residence rooms. All individuals must adhere to any such rules and are responsible to familiarize themselves with such rules.

Violations of this Policy by students may fall under the *Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures*, and by employees may fall under the *Employee Code of Conduct*.

Review Period: Within one year after its initial adoption, and at least every three years thereafter, ensuring that consultation with Lakehead students, faculty and staff, forms part of that review;

Next Review Period: 2024-2025;

Related Policies and Procedures: Smoking on Premises Policy; Student Code of Conduct - Academic; Student Code of Conduct – Non-Academic; Employee Code of Conduct;

Policy Superseded by this Policy: None.

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