

Washington State Social Equity in Cannabis Task Force

Licensing Work Group - Social Use Resources

Relevant Washington Statutes/Rules

RCW 69.50 - Uniform Controlled Substances Act - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=69.50>

- **RCW 69.50.445 - Opening package of or consuming marijuana, useable marijuana, marijuana-infused products, or marijuana concentrates in view of general public or public place—Penalty** - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=69.50.445>
- **RCW 69.50.465 - Conducting or maintaining marijuana club—Penalty** - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=69.50.465>
 - Definition of “public place” has the same meaning as defined in **RCW 66.04.010**, but the exclusions in **RCW 66.04.011** do not apply.

RCW 70.160 - Smoking in Public Place - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70.160>

- **RCW 70.160.060** - Can allow smoking in private offices if not otherwise restricted - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70.160.060>

RCW 70.345 - Vapor Products - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70.345>

- **70.345.100 Product tastings—Requirements—Penalty** - <http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70.345.100>
- **RCW 70.345.150 - Use of products in public places—When prohibited** - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70.345.150>

WAC 314 - Liquor and Cannabis Board - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=314>

- **WAC 314-05 - Special occasion licenses** - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=314-05>
- **WAC 314-18 - Banquet permits** - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=314-18>
- **WAC 314-38 - Permits** - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=314-38>
- **WAC 314-40 - Clubs** - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=314-40>
- **WAC 314-45 - Serving and donating of liquor by suppliers at trade conventions of licensees** - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=314-45>

Past consumption venues and social use events in Washington include:

- Former medical dispensaries routinely allowed on-site consumption by patient-members prior to being require to close in 2016.
- **Seattle HEMPFEST**, a “protestival” and exercise in civil disobedience to consumption restrictions which was last held in 2019.
- **Frankie's Bar in Olympia** continued to allow on-site cannabis and tobacco use despite sanctions by WSLCB. The venue closed after the owners death in 2018.

- **Lyon Pride Music Party Buses** were contracted by businesses and individuals as temporary consumption areas until legal action against the owner was brought by WSLCB.
- **Takeativity** a “community of active cannabis consumers and business owners that believe in cannabis normalization, equity and empowerment of a modern consumption culture,” hosting members-only social use events at private venues around Portland, OR and Seattle - <https://takeativity.com/> ; <https://takeativity.com/connect/events/?tab=club>

HB 1945 “Concerning sales and sampling of marijuana.” (Introduced in 2019, not adopted) - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billssummary?BillNumber=1945&Year=2019&Initiative=false>

- **Cannabis Observer Summary** - <https://cannabis.observer/observations/washington-state-legislature-bills-february-11-2019-hb-1945-concerning-sales-and-sampling-of-marijuana-summary/>
 - The bill established -
 - **Direct sales endorsements** for certain producers or processors provided they sold their own products and reported sales and taxes. Direct sales endorsements did not count towards the retail store cap.
 - An expanded version of this endorsement **allowed on-site sampling** if a business met requirements and host producers and/or processors with direct sales endorsements in their sampling areas.
 - **A special endorsement for consumption lounges** for retailers, there had to be a “*physically separated*” area and certification by a mechanical engineer of the ventilation, filtration, and airflow system. Staff needed to have “*been advised of and accepts that environmental marijuana smoke may be present in their potential work area.*” Required posted signage and prohibited alcohol and tobacco use.
 - This endorsement allowed the lounge to **host producers and/or processors with direct sales endorsements.**
 - **Several WSLCB “special permits” for cannabis events** including private business functions, conventions or trade shows, bed and breakfasts, raffles, non-profit auctions, or day spas.
 - The bill amended cannabis advertising law (**RCW 69.50.369**) to permit merchandise at a “*marijuana industry show or event.*” Other sections were amended for adults purchasing or handling cannabis with a special permit.
 - The bill established an exemption to the Smoking in Public Places statutes to enable the bill’s activities and allowed for rule making.

Policies/Programs outside of Washington state

Alaska: Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office - <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco/Home.aspx>

- Regulations set by the Marijuana Control Board (MCB) effective for **onsite consumption as of April 2019** - <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/9/pub/MCB/StatutesAndRegulations/3%20AAC%20306%209.01.21.pdf>
- **3 AAC 306.370. Onsite consumption endorsement for retail marijuana stores**
 - Allows for local prohibition of onsite consumption. Limitations in product sales and consumption areas. Permits sale of food or beverages without cannabis or alcohol.
 - Restricts tobacco use, some advertising and discounting, prohibits any *“game or contest on the licensed premises that involves consuming marijuana or marijuana products.”* Includes premises restrictions and requirements for indoor and outdoor consumption areas.
- **3 AAC 306.760. Trade Shows**
 - Allows for cannabis plants, limited products, and advertising *“in trade shows and similar industry events.”*
- **3 AAC 306.770. Signs, merchandise, advertisements, and promotions**
 - (j) As long as no more than 30 percent of the event’s participants and audience is reasonably expected to be under 21 years of age, a licensed marijuana establishment may sponsor*
 - (1) an industry trade show;*
 - (2) a charitable event;*
 - (3) a sports event or competition;*
 - (4) a concert; or*
 - (5) any other even approved in advance by the board*
- **Retail consumption venues:**
 - **Cannabis Corner in Ketchikan** has received an endorsement and opened “briefly” in 2021 - <https://www.ganjabpreneur.com/alaska-cannabis-lounges-proceed-with-caution-during-pandemic/>
 - **GoodSense in Fairbanks** has also received an endorsement but it is unclear if they’ve opened a consumption area yet - <https://goodsinse.com/>
 - **Cannabis in Alaska** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_Alaska
 - **Alaska Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/alaska-penalties/>

Arizona: Department of Health Services - <https://azdhs.gov/licensing/marijuana/index.php>

- **Medical patient regulations** - <https://www.azdhs.gov/documents/licensing/medical-marijuana/az-medical-marijuana-rules.pdf>
 - **Title 36 Chapter 28.2 Responsible Adult Use of Marijuana** - <https://casetext.com/statute/arizona-revised-statutes/title-36-public-health-and-safety/chapter-282-responsible-adult-use-of-marijuana>
- **Non-Retail Consumption Venues:**

- **DomLife in Phoenix** has operated a patients-only “boutique lounge” since 2018, it’s recent activity is unclear - https://www.azfamily.com/shows/cbs_5_this_morning/originals/marijuana-lounge-opens-in-phoenix/article_383d9d1b-6e76-53e1-85af-eb9147a75ecd.html
- **The Harambe Café & Social Club in Tucson** operates a “bring your own” consumption area for adults and patients starting in 2021 - <https://www.tucsonweekly.com/tucson/communal-consumption-harambe-cafe-offers-safe-space-for-cannabis-users/Content?oid=31131734>
- **Cannabis in Arizona** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_Arizona
- **Arizona Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/arizona-penalties/>

California: Department (formerly Bureau) of Cannabis Control - <https://cannabis.ca.gov/>

- Regulations establishing Cannabis Event Organizers licenses authorized to apply for temporary cannabis events were adopted in December 2017.
Cannabis clubs/lounges are permitted for those holding Type 10 Retail licenses and are regulated at the city level - <https://cannabis.ca.gov/licensees/events/> ; <https://cannabis.ca.gov/applicants/license-types/>
 - Application for organizer license - https://www.bcc.ca.gov/clear/event_org_instructions.pdf
 - Application for temporary cannabis events - https://www.bcc.ca.gov/clear/temp_event_instructions.pdf
- **California Code of Regulations Title 16, Division 42, Chapter 5. Cannabis Events** - https://www.bcc.ca.gov/law_regs/cannabis_order_of_adoption.pdf
 - Allows for consumption-based events as well as “*Informational or Educational Cannabis Events*” to be hosted by event organizers with restrictions on things including attendee age, duration, signage, and amounts of cannabis available.
 - State law prohibited the use of cannabis “party buses” in 2019 - <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-09-12/ban-marijuana-charter-party-buses-california> That year legislation also attempted to establish a dedicated club and lounge license type - https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1465
- Cannabis clubs/lounges are permitted for those holding Type 10 Retail licenses but are regulated at the city level, with **the following jurisdictions permitting lounges and/or events:**
 - **West Hollywood** - <https://www.weho.org/home/showdocument?id=39934>
 - **Los Angeles County/City** - <https://dcba.lacounty.gov/cannabis/frequently-asked-questions/> ; <https://cannabis.lacity.org/laws-policy/regulations-policies>
 - **Oakland** - <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/special-event-permit-applications-for-temporary-cannabis-events>
 - **San Bernardino City** - https://www.sbcity.org/cityhall/community_development/cannabis_regulations.asp

- *“The Mayor and City Council adopted Ordinance (MC-1465) on March 7, 2018, designed to create a healthy community by regulating the smoking – including vaping – of cannabis in public. This is regulated by Municipal Code Chapter 8.97.” MC-1465 - <http://www.sbcity.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=25696>*
- Cannabis use is restricted within 1,000 feet of schools, day cares, places that serve alcohol, and substance use treatment facilities. Its is also restricted generally within in many businesses, but *“A private property owner or business owner may authorize a Designated Smoking Area in an unenclosed area of his or her private property, provided it complies with all provisions of this Ordinance.”*
- The city also authorizes cannabis lounges in retail stores and special event permitting - <http://www.sbcity.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=27031>
- **San Francisco** - <https://officeofcannabis.sfgov.org/node/2722> ; <https://officeofcannabis.sfgov.org/regulations>
- Cannabis Smoking-Type C Permit Requirements - <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/EHSdocs/AirQuality/SFHC19FGeneralReqs.pdf>
- **Humboldt County** - https://humboldt.county.codes/Code/314_SecB
- **Retail/Non-Retail Consumption venues - (Many closed due to COVID-19)**
 - **The Alchemy Lounge in Los Angeles**, offers on-site consumption, but not retail sales - <http://www.alchemylounge.net/#home>
 - **The Parkway Theater in Oakland**, a renovated movie theater approved for use as a cannabis consumption site in 2019 - <https://www.thenewparkway.com/> ; <https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2019/update-on-parkway-theater-project>
 - **Urbana in San Francisco** offers a consumption lounge - <https://urbananow.com/urbana-cannabis-lounge>
 - **Moe Greens in San Francisco** operates a lounge and dab bar - <https://moegreens.com/lounges> ; <https://sf.eater.com/2019/1/29/18200811/moe-greens-cannabis-consumption-lounge-dispensary-opens-san-francisco>
 - **Papa & Barkley Social in Eureka** operates a lounge with booths that can be rented - <https://www.papaandbarkleysocial.com/consumption-lounge> ; <https://www.forbes.com/sites/lindseybartlett/2021/04/14/look-inside-the-new-cannabis-consumption-tasting-room-and-spa-from-papa--barkley-humboldt-social/?sh=1fd2cdf56ee2>
 - **Captain Jack’s in San Bernardino** operates a lounge and dab bar - <https://captainjacks420.com/index.php/consumption-bar/>
 - **Loopr**, a bus company accommodating cannabis consumption had offered services in Los Angeles, Chicago, IL, and Boston, MA but has closed due to COVID-19 - <https://www.rideloopr.com/>
- **Cannabis in California** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_California
- **California Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/california-penalties/>

Colorado: Department of Revenue, Marijuana Enforcement Division - <https://cannabis.colorado.gov/> ; <https://sbg.colorado.gov/marijuanaenforcement>

- Colorado lawmakers passed a bill establishing “Marijuana Hospitality Establishments” in May 2019 creating spaces *“in which medical and retail marijuana may be consumed on site and retail marijuana hospitality and sales establishments”* with on-site sales and consumption. With local approval the *“a retail food establishment to apply for a marijuana hospitality establishment license for a specified portion of the retail food establishment but prohibits an entity from having both a marijuana hospitality establishment license and a liquor license for the same premises.”* Requirements and prohibitions are outlined, with regulator rule making authorized to implement the law, also *“makes smoking marijuana in the hospitality spaces an exception to the “Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act”* - <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb19-1230>
- **Jurisdictions permitting cannabis hospitality**, and those with private cannabis clubs include:
 - **Denver** - <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Marijuana-Information>
 - Following a pilot program, the city proposed an ordinance to allow retail cannabis hospitality in 2021 - <https://www.denvergov.org/files/assets/public/business-licensing/documents/marijuana-hospitality-bill.pdf> The city also adopted a Social Equity Plan in April 2021 that included hospitality licenses and ***“reserves these new license types for Social Equity Applicants only until July 1, 2027”*** - <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Marijuana-Information/Social-Equity>
 - **Colorado Springs** - The city does not allow use of cannabis in public or vehicles and in 2016, officials prohibited new cannabis clubs while requiring those open close in March of 2024 - https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/coloradospringsco/latest/coloradosprings_co/0-0-0-17087 ; <https://citydocs.coloradosprings.gov/WebClerk/GetDoc.aspx?DocId=44052&Show> ; <https://citydocs.coloradosprings.gov/WebClerk/GetDoc.aspx?DocId=44053&Show>
 - **Boulder** - Boulder’s Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) voted to delay implementation of hospitality spaces in July 2021 - <https://www.boulderweekly.com/features/weed-between-the-lines/doubling-down/>
 - **Aurora** - Is nearing final approval to begin rule making for hospitality spaces - https://www.auroragov.org/business_services/marijuana_enforcement_division ; <https://www.denverpost.com/2021/08/26/marijuana-pot-colorado-consumption-lounges-bus-aurora-denver/>
- **Non-Retail, Private Hospitality spaces** - (Many closed due to COVID-19):

- **Tetra9 in Denver**, a members-only hospitality club - <https://www.tetralounge.com/>
- **iBake in Denver**, a members-only hospitality club and dab bar - <https://herbanplanet.com/cannabis-lounges/ibake-denver.html>
- **Studio420 in Denver** is a members-only hospitality club - <https://studio420.co/>
- **Speakeasy Vape Lounge & Cannabis Club in Colorado Springs**, a members-only hospitality club and dab bar - <https://speakeasy-vape-lounge-cannabis-club-sevl.business.site/>
- **StudioA64 in Colorado Springs**, a members-only hospitality club - <https://speakeasy-vape-lounge-cannabis-club-sevl.business.site/>
- **Stella's Lounge in Boulder**, a “cafe with a cannabis hospitality license (subject to city of Boulder local ordinances)” - <https://business.boulderchamber.com/list/member/stella-s-lounge-llc-34663>
- **Cannabis in Colorado** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_Colorado
- **Colorado Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/colorado-penalties/>

Connecticut: Department of Consumer Protection - <https://portal.ct.gov/DCP>

- **Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis effective in July 2021** - <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/BA/PDF/2021SB-01201-R02SS1-BA.PDF>
 - **§ 60 — DCP Recommendations on on-site consumption and events** *“requires DCP, by January 1, 2023, to make written recommendations...on whether to authorize on-site consumption or events that allow for cannabis usage, including whether to establish a cannabis on-site consumption or event license.”*
 - **§§ 83 & 84 — Municipal Authority** *“For municipalities with more than 50,000 people, if they regulate the public use of cannabis, the regulations must designate a location in the municipality where public consumption is allowed. It allows municipalities to ban cannabis smoking (including ecigarette use) at outdoor sections of restaurants.”*
- **State Cannabis Portal** - <https://portal.ct.gov/cannabis/>
 - **Where can I use cannabis?** *“In general, you won't be able to smoke or vape cannabis anywhere you can't smoke or vape tobacco. Cities and towns may enact ordinances to regulate whether and where cannabis can be consumed in public...Cannabis use will be prohibited in state parks and on state beaches and waters.”* - https://portal.ct.gov/cannabis/Knowledge-Base/Articles/Where-you-can-use-cannabis?language=en_US
- **Cannabis in Connecticut** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_Connecticut
- **Connecticut Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/connecticut-penalties/>

Illinois: Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation - <https://www.idfpr.com/> ; <https://www.idfpr.com/profs/adultusecan.asp>

- A summary of the 2019 law legalizing cannabis consumption described how “A *cannabis business establishment or other entity authorized or permitted by a unit of local government to allow on-site consumption shall not be deemed a public place within the meaning of the Smoke Free Illinois Act*” - [https://www2.illinois.gov/IISNews/20242-Summary of HB 1438 The Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.pdf](https://www2.illinois.gov/IISNews/20242-Summary%20of%20HB%201438%20The%20Cannabis%20Regulation%20and%20Tax%20Act.pdf)
- **Non-retail cannabis lounges in the state:**
 - **The Luna Lounge in Sesser** opened in July 2021, offering on-site social use - <https://www.lunaloungesesser.com/> ; <https://www.chicagotribune.com/marijuana/illinois/ct-illinois-marijuana-consumption-lounges-update-20210831-hnkgbc7ahzgsfaeqmdf3pvjc6e-story.html>
 - **Aroma’s Hookah Bar outside of DeKalb**, allowing consumption of cannabis or hooks - <https://www.aromashookahbar.com/>
- **Cannabis in Illinois** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_Illinois
- **Illinois Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/illinois-penalties/>

Maine: Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Marijuana Policy - <https://www.maine.gov/dafs/omp>

- In 2018, Maine lawmakers chose to postpone developing regulations around social use until 2023 - <https://www.pressherald.com/2018/01/16/starw-vote-delays-pot-social-clubs-to-2023/>
- **Cannabis in Maine** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_Massachusetts
- **Maine Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/maine-penalties-2/>

Massachusetts: Cannabis Control Commission - <https://masscannabiscontrol.com/>

- In 2019, a Cannabis Advisory board and the commission voted to move forward on cannabis lounge rule making - <https://www.mma.org/advisory-board-recommends-marijuana-social-consumption-and-temporary-event-licenses/> ; <https://www.masslive.com/news/2019/09/marijuana-delivered-to-your-door-massachusetts-regulators-approve-home-delivery-and-cannabis-cafes.html>
- As the process went into 2021 legislation was proposed to establish the a pilot program for the site - <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S65> ; <https://www.boston25news.com/news/bill-would-authorize-legal-cannabis-lounges-massachusetts/IE2XP4Q2UBD2DJBRR35KGGEIB4/>
- **The Summit Lounge in Boston** advertises as the region’s only private member’s club for social use - <https://www.thesummitlounge.com/> ; <https://www.wbjournal.com/article/the-summit-lounge-massachusetts-marijuana-meeting-place>

- **Cannabis in Massachusetts** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_Massachusetts
- **Massachusetts Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/massachusetts-penalties-2/>

Michigan: Marijuana Regulatory Authority - <https://www.michigan.gov/MRA>

- State law established cannabis event organizer licenses in 2020 - https://www.michigan.gov/mra/0,9306,7-386-79784-518025--y_2017,00.html followed by announcing regulations for “*Designated Consumption Areas*” later that year - https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mra/MRA_Advisory_Bulletin_-_Designated_Consumption_Establishments_706181_7.pdf
 - **Marihuana Event Organizers** - https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Marihuana_Event_Organizer_License_Application_-_Step_2_667008_7.pdf ; https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Marihuana_Event_Organizer_666955_7.pdf
 - **Temporary Marihuana Event Organizers** - https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Temporary_Marihuana_Event_666960_7.pdf
 - **Designated Consumption Areas** - https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Designated_Consumption_Establishment_License_Application_-_Step_2_667006_7.pdf ; https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Designated_Consumption_Establishment_666951_7.pdf
- **Designated social use policies have been approved by:**
 - **Detroit** - <https://detroitmi.gov/government/city-council/city-council-district-1/marijuana-ordinance-fact-sheet> ; <https://www.metrotimes.com/detroit/detroit-must-stop-processing-recreational-marijuana-business-licenses-for-now-judge-orders/Content?oid=26853003>
 - **Ann Arbor** - <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/planning/Pages/Marijuana%20Facilities.aspx>
 - **Cannabis in Ann Arbor** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_laws_in_Ann_Arbor,_Michigan
 - The first retail consumption area opened in May 2021, **Liberty Cannabis in Ann Arbor** - <https://libertycannabis.com/> ; <https://www.wxyz.com/news/michigans-first-cannabis-consumption-lounge-set-to-open-in-ann-arbor>
- **Cannabis in Michigan** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_Michigan
- **Michigan Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/michigan-penalties-2/>

Nevada: Cannabis Compliance Board (CCB) - <https://ccb.nv.gov/>

- Lawmakers passed AB341 in June 2021, which required development of cannabis lounge regulations and set a deadline for applications be issued in 2022, with some licenses reserved for social equity applicants - <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021/Bill/7877/Overview> ; <https://www.leafly.com/news/industry/cannabis-lounges-are-finally-legal-in-las-vegas-so-when-will-they-open>
 - CCB has created a list of frequently asked questions pertaining to consumption lounges - <https://ccb.nv.gov/faq/>

- **Las Vegas** passed an ordinance in 2019 to permit the “*social use venues*” as soon as the establishments were legalized under state law - https://library.municode.com/nv/las_vegas/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT6BUTALIRE_CH6.96SOUSVEMA ; <https://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Business/Business-License/Cannabis-Licenses>
- **Cannabis in Nevada** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_Nevada
- **Nevada Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/nevada-penalties-2/>

New Jersey: Cannabis Regulatory Commission - <https://www.nj.gov/cannabis/>

- A 2018 law legalizing cannabis included establishment of “*cannabis consumption areas*” with provisions including local opt-out, no alcohol or tobacco sales, and free on-site sampling - <https://legiscan.com/NJ/bill/S2703/2018> ; <https://www.natlawreview.com/article/marijuana-social-lounges-are-coming-to-new-jersey-town-near-you>
- **Cannabis in New Jersey** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_New_Jersey
- **New Jersey Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/new-jersey-penalties-2/>

New Mexico: Cannabis Control Division (CCD) - <https://ccd.rld.state.nm.us/>

- A 2021 law legalizing cannabis, HB2, allows for development of rules for social use lounges - <https://legiscan.com/NM/bill/HB2/2021/X1> ; <https://www.mpp.org/states/new-mexico/new-mexicos-hb-2-the-cannabis-regulation-act/>
- **Cannabis in New Mexico** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_New_Mexico
- **New Mexico Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/new-mexico-penalties-2/>

New York: Office of Cannabis Management - <https://cannabis.ny.gov/>

- Legalized in 2021, social use regulations are outlined as able to “*be consumed in a private home or at a state-licensed on-site consumption site... The smoking of cannabis is prohibited anywhere smoking tobacco is prohibited,*” with cannabis being added “*to the Clean Indoor Air Act which establishes a baseline on where cannabis can be smoked or vaped.*” Additionally, hotels can “*ban the use and possession of cannabis on their properties*” - <https://cannabis.ny.gov/adult-use#consumption> ; <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/25/nyregion/ny-legalize-marijuana.html?smid=tw-nytimes&smtyp=cur>
- The law’s **social equity program will prioritize social equity applicants to receive cannabis licenses, including for consumption venues** - https://cannabis.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/09/cannabis-management-fact-sheet-9-21-social-equity-04_0.pdf
- **The New York state fair allowed social use in designated outdoor smoking areas** for the first time in 2021 - <https://www.syracuse.com/statefair/>

[2021/08/marijuana-at-the-ny-state-fair-you-can-smoke-it-but-there-are-limits.html](https://www.oregon.gov/olcc/Pages/default.aspx)

- **Cannabis in New York** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_New_York
- **New York Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/new-york-penalties-2/>

Oregon: Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) - <https://www.oregon.gov/olcc/Pages/default.aspx>

- According to OLCC, the 2014 legalization measure approved by voters made clear that cannabis *“is not allowed to be consumed in a public place,”* which was defined as *“general place where the public has access”* with officials deciding this included all alcohol and cannabis licensed businesses. However, non-OLCC licensed businesses that do not meet the definition of public place, *“consumption may be subject to Oregon’s Clean Air Act and venue approval”* - <https://www.oregon.gov/olcc/docs/publications/MJConsumptionGifitingandGiveaways.pdf>
 - The agency offers an **Marijuana Promotional Event Application** - https://www.oregon.gov/olcc/marijuana/Documents/Promotional_Events/mj_promotionalevents_application.pdf and has issued a November 2017 **bulletin on events covering “competition cups”** - https://www.oregon.gov/olcc/marijuana/Documents/Bulletins/Compliance_1716.pdf
 - Officials for the city of Portland produced a *“Social Consumption Brief: Marijuana Events and Clubs from around the U.S. and the World”* in 2016 - <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/civic/article/588381> ; <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/civic/article/588382>
 - **Kaleafa Social Club in Oregon City** is a members-only social use venue which opened in November 2020 - <https://kaleafasc.com/> ; <https://www.wwweek.com/potlander/2021/01/14/inside-kaleafa-social-club-the-suburban-man-cave-of-cannabis-lounges/>
- **Cannabis in Oregon** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_Oregon
- **Oregon Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/oregon-penalties-2/>

Virginia: <https://www.cannabis.virginia.gov/>

- Approving a legalization bill in 2021, commonwealth officials have to approve another bill in 2022 with business regulations, however **the law decreases public consumption penalties starting in 2024** - <https://www.mpp.org/states/virginia/hb-2312/sb-1406-virginia-cannabis-regulation-bill-summary/>
 - **Queen Green Apothecary in Virginia Beach**, which opened in July 2021, has advertised as the state’s first consumption venue - <http://www.queensgreenapothecary.com/> ; <https://www.wtkr.com/news/cannabar-in-virginia-beach-offers-safe-space-to-smoke-weed-or-vape>
- **Cannabis in Virginia** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_Virginia
- **Virginia Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/virginia-penalties-2/>

Non-state U.S. Jurisdictions with social use policies/proposals:

Washington, D.C.

- Following legalization of adult use and cultivation in 2014, cannabis consumption, or even ***“or holding or carrying a lighted roll of paper or other lighted smoking equipment filled with marijuana – in any public space”*** remains a criminal offense - <https://mpdc.dc.gov/marijuana>
- The District of Columbia has limited ability to establish legal retail or social use markets, in 2021 **two bills were introduced to establish cannabis businesses and accompanying social equity programs, with both leaving social use policies up to regulators** - <https://mjbizdaily.com/washington-dc-weighs-competing-recreational-cannabis-bills/>
- **Cannabis in Washington, D.C.** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_Washington,_D.C.
- **Washington, D.C. Laws and Penalties** - <https://norml.org/laws/district-of-columbia-penalties/>

Sovereign Tribal Nations

- A 2014 memo from the U.S. Department of Justice left cannabis policy in so-called “Indian Country” at the discretion of that tribe’s government - <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/tribal/pages/attachments/2014/12/11/policystatementregardingmarijuanaissuesinindiancountry2.pdf> ; https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/faqs_policy_statement_regarding_marijuana_issues_in_indian_country_28jan15.pdf
- Among tribes that have legalized cannabis, some have **established social use venues or are in the process** of doing so:
 - **The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe in South Dakota** operates **Native Nations**, the first medical cannabis dispensary in the region. The tribe passed an ordinance to allow on-site patient consumption venues in 2021 - <https://nativenationsenterprises.com/> ; <https://www.forbes.com/sites/chrisroberts/2021/06/30/sioux-tribe-opening-first-legal-marijuana-business-in-south-dakota/?sh=5d3f75254472> ; <https://fsst-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Title-29-Marijuana-Control-Ordinance-final-01202021.pdf>
 - **The Las Vegas Paiute Tribe in Nevada** operates **NuWu Cannabis Marketplace**, the only cannabis *“tasting room”* in the Las Vegas area. Opened in 2019, the venue sells various VIP Packages - <https://nuwu.vegas/tastingroom> ; <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/nov/10/nevada-cannabis-lounge-paiute-las-vegas> ; <https://www.lvpaiutetribe.com/>
 - **The Shinnecock Indian Nation in New York** has announced a partnership with **TILT Holdings** to *“finance, build and provide management services for the vertical cannabis operations of the Shinnecock Nation’s wholly owned cannabis business, **Little Beach Harvest**,”* in Southampton. This included a *“wellness lounge”* - <https://littlebeachharvest.com/> ; <https://>

www.tiltholdings.com/investors/news-events/press-releases/detail/139/tilt-announces-historic-partnership-with-shinnecock-indian

- **Cannabis on American Indian reservations** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_on_American_Indian_reservations

Northern Mariana Islands

- Legalizing in 2018, the Commonwealth's cannabis license includes two cannabis lounge options based on whether the premises will sell cannabis - <https://governor.gov.mp/priorities/cannabis/> ; <https://governor.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Cannabis-License-Application-Guide-v080220.pdf> ; https://cnmilaw.org/pdf/public_laws/20/pl20-66.pdf
 - **Common Wealth Cannabis in Garapan** opened the first on-site consumption lounge in August 2021, located next door to a cannabis retailer - https://mvariety.com/news/nmis-first-cannabis-lounge-opens-in-garapan/article_a8a8f5f2-fd53-11eb-919f-57eb93c81806.html
- **Cannabis in the Northern Mariana Islands** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_the_Northern_Mariana_Islands

Social use policies outside the U.S.

British Columbia (BC), Canada:

- **Cannabis in Canada Gateway** - <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/campaigns/cannabis.html>
- The Cannabis Control and Licensing act, Part 5, Division 3 restricts cannabis consumption in many public places and businesses, with British Columbia officials publishing a fact sheet on the topic - https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/18029#division_d1e5749 ; <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/public-safety/cannabis/cannabis-factsheet-d12.pdf>
- In August 2021, the Union of BC Municipalities called for regulation of cannabis consumption spaces - <https://www.ubcm.ca/about-ubcm/latest-news/province-considering-cannabis-consumption-spaces>
 - **The Cannabis Culture Lounge in Vancouver** opened in 2001, and offers a vapor consumption lounge - <https://www.facebook.com/CCVaporLounge/>
 - **The Bulldog Hotel in the Okanagan Valley** is a ski resort with cabins for cannabis consumption - <https://www.thebulldog.com/the-bulldog-hotel-canada/> ; <https://silverstarmountain.com/>
- **Cannabis in British Columbia** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_British_Columbia

The Netherlands:

- For nearly 50 years, the country had prioritized “hard drugs” and exercised a “tolerance” towards certain amounts of soft drugs, most famously cannabis. A retail licensing system for “coffeeshops” developed frequently including social use.
Restrictions on amounts sold and sale of other drugs like alcohol developed

gradually - <https://www.government.nl/topics/drugs/toleration-policy-regarding-soft-drugs-and-coffee-shops> ; <https://www.coffeeshopsofamsterdam.net/coffeeshophistory>

- Production and processing of cannabis remains unlicensed, with significant amounts of cannabis products untested, though some municipalities in the country are trying out programs to regulate this as well - <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-09-11/the-netherlands-plan-to-legalize-cannabis-growing>
- A major challenge the nation faced became increased drug tourism from places without legal cannabis. **Dutch citizens developed responsible use habits, guests from the U.S. and other nations did not.** This led to the establishment of a *wietpas* (Dutch) or “weed-pass,” where coffeeshops require proof of citizenship in nearly all communities. Amsterdam has been a prominent exception to this trend, but in 2019 the city’s mayor proposed introducing the residency restriction as part of a broader plan to address over-tourism in the city. COVID-19 restrictions in 2020 required coffeeshops to have take-out only sales - <https://www.amsterdam.nl/en/policy/policy-safety/policy-coffeeshops/> ; <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jan/11/foreigners-face-ban-from-amsterdams-cannabis-cafes> ; <https://hightimes.com/news/amsterdam-discourages-cannabis-tourists/>
- **Drug policy of the Netherlands** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drug_policy_of_the_Netherlands
- **Cannabis in the Netherlands** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_the_Netherlands
- **Coffeeshops (Netherlands)** - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coffeeshop_\(Netherlands\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coffeeshop_(Netherlands))

Uruguay:

- Decriminalizing cannabis use in 2013, the nation chose to require cannabis **growing and distribution through local clubs of up to 45 members which can offer social use areas** and began operating in the country in 2014 - http://archivo.presidencia.gub.uy/sci/leyes/2013/12/cons_min_803.pdf ; <http://cannabisuruguay.blogspot.com/> ; <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-29859822>
 - In 2017, pharmacies in the country began selling two cannabis grades, both below 10% THC. Proposals have emerged to allow higher potency cannabis to be sold in pharmacies and to allow sales to foreign tourists - <https://www.ganjapreneur.com/uruguay-to-increase-cannabis-thc-content-consider-tourist-sales/>
 - As of January 2021, over 150 clubs were approved by the government - <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1219877/uruguay-cannabis-clubs/>
- **Cannabis in Uruguay** - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabis_in_Uruguay