

# ADULT-USE CANNABIS GUIDE

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Adults over 21 years old are allowed to purchase, carry, and use cannabis legally purchased through licensed cannabis dispensaries. (New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act)



## PURCHASING LEGAL CANNABIS

Adults over 21 years old can only legally purchase cannabis from dispensaries approved and licensed by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission.

## CANNABIS SMOKING IN PUBLIC

Cannabis smoking falls under the New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act and is prohibited in all indoor public places and workspaces, including but not limited to public transportation systems, public beaches, public parks, theaters, parking facilities, shopping malls, and restaurants.



## CANNABIS CONSUMPTION ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Adults over 21 years old are allowed to consume cannabis on private property, including at licensed dispensaries approved for on-site consumption. However, private property owners have the right to prohibit consumption of cannabis on their property.

## PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF MINOR CAUGHT WITH MARIJUANA

Law enforcement officials will notify a parent in writing on the first offense of their child (under the age of 18) possessing or consuming marijuana. On the second offense, the parent will receive recommendations for community treatment services for their child. On the third or subsequent offense, the child will receive a mandatory referral for community treatment services.



## CANNABIS RESTRICTIONS

Anyone driving under the influence of cannabis can be treated by the same rules and consequences for driving under the influence of alcohol or while intoxicated. Consuming cannabis can cause slower reaction time, decreased coordination, and difficulty reacting to signals and sounds on the road.



An individual's employer has the right to prohibit cannabis at their workplace and to require drug testing if any work procedures or safety protocols are compromised.



Cannabis is not legal at the federal level. Therefore, it is not legal to consume on federal land or buildings or to transport out of state.



An individual is not allowed to grow their own cannabis for personal use.



Anyone pregnant and/or breastfeeding should restrict any consumption of cannabis. Using cannabis can affect a baby's development as it is linked to lower birth weight, preterm birth and stillbirth, and increased risk of brain and behavioral problems.



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# RESOURCES & SUPPORT

## SUPPORT SERVICES

Feel free to contact any of the following if you need assistance for a child, family member, or loved one:



### PerformCare

**1-877-652-7624**

24-hour point of contact for state services for individuals under 21 years old

### Family Connections

**973-675-3817**

Support services and programs for children, adults, and families

### Partnership for Children of Essex

**973-323-3000**

Care management organization serving children between ages of 3-21 and their families

### REACHNJ

**1-844-732-2465**

New Jersey's 24/7 Addiction Helpline

### IME Addictions Access Center

**1-844-276-2777**

State treatment referral helpline



## PREVENTION RESOURCES

Family Connections' ADAPT Coalition and your local Municipal Alliance Program are available to assist with prevention resources for youth, parents, schools, law enforcement, and the entire community.

**Prevention Resources include, but are not limited to:**

- In-School and In-Community Curriculum Programming (i.e., We're Not Buying It 2.0, PreVenture, Botvins Life Skills, Strengthening Families of Essex County)
- Public Service Announcements
- After-School Youth Programming (i.e., Essex County Youth Tobacco Action Group)
- Social Media Campaigns
- Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainings

Feel free to contact the ADAPT team to learn more about resources in your area by contacting Joel Torres at [jtorres@familyconnectionsny.org](mailto:jtorres@familyconnectionsny.org) or Jessica Delgado at [jdelgado@familyconnectionsny.org](mailto:jdelgado@familyconnectionsny.org).