

The *Cannabis* Act

Here's What You Need to Know

- ▶ To buy, possess or use cannabis, **you must be of legal age** (18 or 19 or older, depending on your province or territory).
- ▶ The *Cannabis Act* includes **strict penalties** for selling or providing cannabis to youth under the legal age.
- ▶ **Legal cannabis has an excise stamp** appearing in different colours for each province and territory on product labels.
- ▶ If you use cannabis, learn how to use it responsibly. **Know the health effects.** Like alcohol and tobacco, cannabis has risks, especially for those under the age of 25.
- ▶ **Don't drive high or work impaired.** Cannabis can impair your ability to operate vehicles or equipment safely.
- ▶ If you possess cannabis, **store it away** from children, youth and pets.
- ▶ **It's illegal to take cannabis across the Canadian border**, whether you're leaving or coming to Canada. This applies to all countries, whether cannabis is legal there or not.
- ▶ Under the *Cannabis Act*, access to **cannabis for medical purposes** will continue to be provided to those who are authorized by their healthcare practitioner.

To learn more about the *Cannabis Act*, in effect as of October 17, 2018, and the health effects of cannabis, visit: www.Canada.ca/Cannabis or call **1-800-O-Canada**

