



Patient Caution and Advisory Document Handout: Recommendations for safe medical marijuana/medical cannabis use

- Smoking cannabis is prohibited under Pennsylvania's medical cannabis law. No patient may "smoke" cannabis in Pennsylvania under any circumstances even if the cannabis was sold as a medical cannabis product in another state.
- Avoid using medical marijuana in front of or around children, teenagers or minors.
- Exercise considerable discretion when using a medicinal cannabis product and make every effort to do so in private.
- Pennsylvania law requires employers to accommodate an employees medical cannabis use if possible, but this protection is limited. Consider discussing this with your employer or human resources before risking a loss of employment.
- Always have your state issued medical marijuana registry ID card on your person.
- Do not drive while using or having recently used medical marijuana or under the influence, have someone else drive you. Pennsylvania's medical cannabis law provides a 10 mg/ml threshold for DUI and its possible for a patient to be above this threshold even if not actually impaired.
- Pennsylvania law requires a patient to store their medical cannabis products in the original dispensary packaging. Keep your medicine in a safe and secure location inaccessible to children or pets.
- Never drive with medical marijuana in reach. Store the medicine in the trunk or back of the vehicle.
- Keep your registration with the state medical marijuana registry and the paperwork associated with it private, as it is your personal medical history and it should remain private.
- We are working with law enforcement to educate them about medical cannabis and patients' rights. You may encounter an officer who does not understand the rights and protections afforded by Pennsylvania law.
- Pennsylvania does not recognize medical cannabis recommendations from other states. Some states do offer reciprocity. Pennsylvania patients should not take their medical cannabis to another state or another country.
- A Pennsylvania medical cannabis recommendation is valid for one year and must be renewed. CCC will notify you prior to when you are due for a renewal which is 1 year from the date your medical card is issued. Please keep medical records up to date throughout the year.
- Patient education is very important. Review our site for updates and changes to the medical marijuana rules and regulations. Pennsylvania's Department of Health may add qualifying conditions as early as May, 2018. Continue educating yourself with relevant and useful information about medical marijuana laws in the state you reside in. Subscribe to the CCC newsletter online, and be sure to keep our newsletters handy for updates too at www.compassionatecertificationcenters.com
- Do not travel or fly with Medical Marijuana out of state unless you are driving to an adjacent state where there is reciprocity and consult your legal counsel on this and be aware of state laws.
- For Caregivers: Please see our website FAQ for a list of resources and further information at www.compassionatecertificationcenters.com