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What You Need to Know about Recreational Cannabis in Pacifica

As the sales of recreational cannabis in the State of California became legal on January 1, 2018, questions about the sales and consumption of cannabis are expected. To address some of the common questions, the City of Pacifica offers the following information:

- There are no legal retail businesses operating in Pacifica. The City Council approved ordinances regulating Cannabis businesses but local and state licenses have not yet been issued to any business in Pacifica. The licensing process for those wishing to open cannabis businesses in Pacifica is underway. More information on the local licensing process can be found [here](#).
- If you choose to grow and consume cannabis at your private residence, know the law:
 - ✓ Up to six living cannabis plants may be cultivated per residence (not per person).
 - ✓ All cultivation that occurs outside shall be located within an enclosed and secured rear yard and outside of certain setbacks.
 - ✓ No person may cultivate cannabis outside if that property is directly abutting a School, Day Care Center, or Youth Center.
 - ✓ Persons cultivating cannabis on residential property shall comply with all applicable building standards set forth in the Pacifica Municipal Code.
- Recreational cannabis users must be at least 21 years of age.
- Cannabis cannot be smoked in public places, or where state law already prohibits tobacco smoking, including restaurants and theaters.
- Cannabis cannot be smoked within 1000 feet of a school, day care center, or youth center when children are present. However, cannabis may be smoked within the 1000 foot radius at a private residence, as long as the smoking is not detectable by others on the grounds of such facilities.
- While driving or riding as a passenger in a vehicle, it is illegal to smoke or ingest cannabis or any cannabis products (including edibles).
- Driving under the influence of cannabis is illegal and treated the same as a DUI case involving alcohol.
- Know how cannabis and cannabis products affect your [body, mind, and health](#).