



New Recreational Cannabis Law Summary

- Must be 21 years of age to purchase, possess, or use recreational cannabis (medical marijuana patients are exempt). Using cannabis around someone under 21 years of age is also illegal.
- Home growing of cannabis is still illegal (except medical marijuana patients) and can only be purchased from authorized, licensed dispensaries. Currently there is no authorized cannabis retail establishments in Vernon Hills.
- Cannabis cannot be used in public or where viewed by the public. This includes bars, restaurants, parks and anywhere others can see you. Essentially, cannabis use is limited to private property.
- Transportation of cannabis in a vehicle must be in a sealed, odor-proof and child resistant package.
- Possession / purchase limitations:
 - 500 mg of THC edible (200mg for non-residents)
 - 30 grams of plant material (15 grams for non-residents)
 - 5 grams of cannabis concentrate (2.5 grams for non-residents)
- Driving under the influence of cannabis is still illegal. You will be arrested if you are driving under the influence of cannabis.
- Check with your property owner, homeowners association for restrictions and please be considerate of your friends and neighbors who choose not to partake.

You can find the entire new recreational cannabis law here:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs5.asp?ActID=3992&ChapterID=35&fbclid=IwAR0nRwVKy70rGc54mENP-vv6wtxA9fkKBSFfViVlrGNShz1RYhZcsRAI1aQ>

Please exercise caution when consuming cannabis. The first step to consumption is identifying and understanding what type of product you are consuming. Absorption rates differ greatly between ingesting and smoking. The quantity and absorption rate of edibles often contribute to people getting too high or having panic attacks. For more information on safe consumption:

<https://www.cdc.gov/marijuana/faqs/is-marijuana-safe-because-its-legal.html>

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