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Cannabis Regulatory Options

The M-Word

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About CCSA

- CCSA is Canada's only agency with a **legislated national mandate** to reduce the harms of alcohol and other drugs on Canadians. We do so by gathering the latest evidence and promoting that evidence widely.
- Created by an Act of Parliament in 1988, CCSA has provided national leadership and expert advice, advanced knowledge, and prepared information and resources based on the latest evidence to inform policy, practice and programs.
- Together with our partners, we help mobilize individual and collective efforts to achieve collective impact on the major health and social issue of problematic substance use.
- Ensuring access to a range of quality services to address alcohol- and other drug-related harms is at the core of what we do everyday.

Canadian Context

- The federal government has committed to introduce legislation in spring 2017 to legalize and regulate cannabis.
- The Task Force on Marijuana Legalization and Regulation will issue recommendations in November 2016.
- Implementation of the regulations will largely fall to the provinces and territories.

Regulatory Continuum



Legalization at a Glance

	CO	WA	OR	AL	Uruguay
Quantity	1 oz	1 oz	1 oz	1 oz	40 g/mth
Personal Production	6 plants	N/A	4 plants	6 plants	6 plants
Sales	Licensed retail	Licensed retail	Licensed retail & home delivery	Licensed retail	Licensed pharmacies (expected mid-2016)
THC Limits	Edibles: 10 mg/svg	Edibles: 10 mg/svg	Edibles: 5 mg/svg	Edibles: 5 mg/svg	15% in dried product
Driving	5 ng THC/ml blood	5 ng THC/ml blood	TBD	Impairment-based	TBD

Youth Regulatory Considerations

- Minimum age of purchase
- Product formats
- Pricing and taxation
- Advertising
- Prevention and treatment
- Education and communication
- Retail locations
- Impaired driving
- Response to underage possession

Selected Publications

[Cannabis Regulatory Approaches](#)

[Cannabis Regulation: Lessons Learned in Colorado and Washington State](#)

[The Effects of Cannabis Use during Adolescence](#)

[What Canadian Youth Think about Cannabis](#)

[Clearing the Smoke on Cannabis Series](#)

[Oral Fluid Drug Screening \(Policy Brief\)](#)

[Drug Per Se Laws \(Policy Brief\)](#)

[Drug-Impaired Driving Toolkit](#)



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