

Parents



What you need to know...



ABOUT CANNABIS & SCHOOL

- ❖ Even though cannabis (pot) is going to be legal in Canada, it will still be illegal for children and youth under the age of 19 years old.
- ❖ The School Code of Conduct, followed by students, staff and school visitors, says that the having, using, selling or buying cigarettes, alcohol or cannabis is not allowed on school grounds.
- ❖ The human brain is not fully grown until the age of 25 and research shows that smoking cannabis can affect its growth.
- ❖ Youth who smoke cannabis most days are more likely to have learning and memory problems that can last up to a few weeks and may get worse if they smoke a lot at one time.
- ❖ People with mental health issues or who have others in their family who have mental illness, need to be extra careful with cannabis use, as it can trigger a mental health crisis.
- ❖ Talk to your child and let them know that the choices they make today can affect their their future – drug use when they are young may change what they are able to do in the future.
- ❖ If someone in your family chooses to have cannabis in your home, ask them to keep it stored safely out of the reach of children.
- ❖ Please take the time to share this information with your children and visit www.CannabisNWT.ca for information or www.hss.gov.nt.ca for addiction help, or call the NWT Helpline at 1-800-661-0844.

Know the Law - Know the Risks!

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