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Introduction

Cannabis policy has always strived to balance the interests of society with respect for human rights. In Ontario, cannabis is a licit drug, while in other jurisdictions, it is an illegal drug. Despite the growing body of evidence regarding the harms associated with cannabis use, the enforcement of prohibitionist laws has failed to address these harms. The criminalization of cannabis has resulted in increased rates of criminalization and incarceration, particularly for marginalized and racialized communities. Furthermore, the criminalization of cannabis has led to the stigmatization of those who use cannabis, perpetuating negative attitudes and discrimination.

Statement of Principles

CMA supports the decriminalization of cannabis for personal use, recognizing the need to address the harms associated with cannabis use. This includes ensuring access to quality-controlled cannabis products, reducing the associated risks, and providing support for those who need it.

Recommendations

1. Support life-saving supervised consumption and overdose prevention sites:

   - CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association

   p. 1
Support life-saving supervised consumption and overdose prevention sites: open letter to Premier Doug Ford and Health Minister Christine Elliott
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policyI3931

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Documents
Canada's lower-risk cannabis use guidelines (LRCUG)
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DOCUMENTS