

CANNABIS ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY 2022

Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 (SFOA, 2017)

Cannabis Retail Stores in Middlesex-London Region		
April 2019	December 2022	Pending Licensing Approval
3	66	3

Promotion, Education and Enforcement Activities - CANNABIS		
Description of Activity	# of Warnings	# of Charges
Provide education to Cannabis Retailers re: obligations under the <i>SFOA, 2017</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No sale or supply of vapour products or cannabis to persons under the age of 19 years; No sale or supply of vapour products or cannabis to persons who appear to be under the age of 25 years unless government-issued photo identification has been requested and the seller is satisfied that the person is at least 19 years old; No person under the age of 19 years to be permitted entry to the store; No display or promotion of vapour products visible from outside the place of business; Vapour product retailers must post mandatory health warning and government ID signage; No smoking or vaping inside all areas of the store (as an enclosed workplace and an enclosed public place); Proprietors/owners of public places and workplaces must ensure that there are no ashtrays, and they must post “no smoking and no vaping” signage; and, Proprietors/owners must ensure that anybody who smokes or vapes is not permitted to remain. <p>* All new cannabis retailers are inspected at time of opening to ensure retailers are aware of their obligations under the <i>SFOA, 2017</i>.</p>	10	2
Provide education and enforcement support to elementary and secondary school administration to ensure no smoking and vaping tobacco or cannabis in schools, on school property, and within 20 metres of school property. *Total # of elementary and secondary school presentations = 11	8	2
Provide education and enforcement to owners/proprietors of workplaces and public places, hospitals, legions, restaurants and bars, long-term care homes, special events, playgrounds and sports fields, and multi-unit housing**. ** There are different rules/regulations regarding smoking and or vaping tobacco or cannabis at different types of facilities/spaces.	59	11
<i>Total # of collaboration referrals with Health Canada = 3 (cannabis promotion at special events).</i> The promotion of cannabis is regulated federally under the <i>Cannabis Act, 2018</i> .		

Under the Tobacco, Vapour and Smoke Protocol, 2021 and the Ontario Public Health Standards, the Health Unit is mandated to respond to all inquiries and complaints received. The Health Unit employs a **progressive enforcement approach** with efforts focused on **education** first, progressing to **warnings** and then **charges** if non-compliance continues.