



## APPROPRIATE DISPOSAL OF CANNABIS AND RELATED MATERIALS

Responsibility:	<i>Coordinating Superintendent, Business Services &amp; Treasurer of the Board</i>
Legal References:	<i>Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations for Industrial Establishments Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Canada - Cannabis Act (S.C. 2018, c. 16) Ontario - Cannabis Control Act, 2017, S.O. 2017, c. 26, Sched. 1</i>
Related References:	<i>Administrative Procedure 4155 – Disposal of Bio hazardous Waste Administrative Procedure 4156 – Disposal of Sharp Items and Needles</i>
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### 1. Preamble

- 1.1 To reduce the risk of exposure to hazardous materials by ensuring the safe disposal of cannabis and related materials.
- 1.2 To appropriately dispose of confiscated dried cannabis and related materials.
- 1.3 Direct handling of cannabis and potentially contaminated materials **should not** be attempted without proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) or tools.
- 1.4 Possession and consumption of recreational cannabis products on school property is illegal.

### 2. Definitions

- 2.1 Cannabis - Any part of a cannabis plant, including the phytocannabinoids produced by or found in, such a plant, regardless of whether that part has been processed or not
- 2.2 Any substance or mixture of substances that contains or has on it any part of such a plant
- 2.3 Any substance that is identical to any phytocannabinoid produced by, or found in, such a plant, regardless of how the substance was obtained
- 2.4 No person under 19 years of age shall possess, consume, attempt to purchase, purchase or distribute cannabis.
- 2.5 The possession limits in the Cannabis Act are based on dried cannabis. Equivalentents were developed for other cannabis products to identify what their possession limit would be. One (1) gram of dried cannabis is equal to:
  - o 5 grams of fresh cannabis
  - o 15 grams of edible product
  - o 70 grams of liquid product
  - o 0.25 grams of concentrates (solid or liquid)
  - o 1 cannabis plant seed

This means, for example, that an adult 19 years of age or older, can legally possess 150 grams of **fresh cannabis**.

2.6 Other related materials that may be confiscated and potentially contaminate cannabis may include:

- 2.6.1 Fentanyl
- 2.6.2 LSD
- 2.6.3 Heroin
- 2.6.4 Cocaine
- 2.6.5 Psilocybin (magic mushrooms)

### 3. Procedure

- 3.1. School staff **shall not** handle cannabis products directly without appropriate PPE.
- 3.2. When cannabis and related materials are confiscated by school staff, confiscated material should not be handled as this may contribute to a potential health exposure.
- 3.3. When confiscated materials appear to exceed 30 grams of cannabis per incident, Waterloo Regional Police Services (WRPS) should be contacted to determine if criminal investigation is warranted.
- 3.4. School administration should store the product in a locked office, drawer, and/or cabinet.
- 3.5. School administration should not store more than 30 grams of cannabis unless directed by Police.
- 3.6. Facility Services Supervisor should be contacted to call the Emergency Service Provider for pick-up and disposal:
  - 3.6.1. In the event of a spill
  - 3.6.2. When a quantity has been confiscated and is secured
  - 3.6.3. When the quantity of recovered cannabis appears to approach 30 grams, or if storage could exceed three (3) days
  - 3.6.4. When the presence of related materials that may be hazardous are suspected