

aggregate weight The total weight of cannabis when broken down

caregiver An adult designated to help a patient in acquiring and using

medical cannabis

chronic medical Persistent or long-lasting medical disease or symptom; often

condition applies when the course of the disease or symptom lasts for more

than 3 months

civil infraction A non-criminal violation of a rule, regulation, or law

consumption The eating, drinking, or ingestion of a substance

criminal charge A formal accusation made by the government asserting that a

person has committed a crime

DUI Violation of a criminal statute prohibiting driving a vehicle while

under the influence of drugs or alcohol

debilitating Disease that makes a person very weak

degree The range or severity of a felony or misdemeanor criminal charge

drug-free zone Areas that have increased penalties for drug-related activities

felony A crime, usually punishable by imprisonment of more than 1 year

grey area An ill-defined situation that is not addressed by an existing set of

rules or laws

hemp, industrial A cannabis plant that is used exclusively for industrial purposes.

According to United States federal law, hemp has a THC

concentration of no more than 0.3%.

intractable Not easily managed or controlled

mandatory A requirement that offenders serve a minimum predetermined

minimum term of imprisonment for a certain crime

sentence



Definitions: Cannabis Legal Terminology

minor Someone under the legal adult age; this varies by state, province,

and/or country

misdemeanor A lesser criminal offense, generally punished by monetary fines

and/or imprisonment of less than 1 year

misdemeanor, A higher degree of crime, usually punished by imprisonment and

serious fines

offense, second A second violation of the same or a similar crime

patient, qualified A person who is legally qualified to use cannabis to treat a medical

condition

personal use Small amount of cannabis intended for an individual's

consumption; the amount varies by state, province, and country

prior conviction Guilty of committing the same or a similar crime in the past

qualifying A medical condition that qualifies a person for the use of medical

condition cannabis; this varies by state, province, and country

recommendation, A recommendation from a licensed physician for the medical use

physician of cannabis to aid in the treatment of a medical condition

subsequent Coming after something; another occurrence of the same offense

trafficking The illicit cultivation, distribution, or sale of illegal substances that

crosses state, province, or country lines









