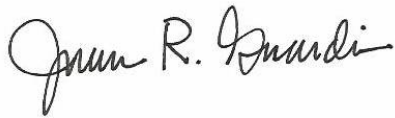


## Medical Marijuana Frequently Asked Questions

Members of the Bearcat Community:

As a public, state institution, the University of Cincinnati complies with the national Drug-Free Schools Communities Act (DFSCA) (20 U.S.C. 1011j; 34 C.F.R. part 86) as well as the Drug Free Workplace Act (41 U.S.C. 81) which requires a drug-free campus community. Recently, medical marijuana was legalized under Ohio law, yet it remains illegal under federal law. As such, possession, use, and storage of marijuana and medical marijuana by students, faculty, staff, and visitors is prohibited on all University of Cincinnati campuses and properties. Please see the attached Frequently Asked Questions that provides guidance on medical marijuana.

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### **Is Medical Marijuana allowed on campus?**

*No. Marijuana, even if legally obtained under state law, is prohibited on campus. The University of Cincinnati must comply with and adhere to the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, which prohibits the use of illegal drugs on campus or at University-sponsored events and activities.*

### **What if I have a medical marijuana card?**

*Marijuana is prohibited on campus and at University-sponsored events and activities, even for individuals with medical marijuana cards.*

### **What happens if I have a medical marijuana card and I get caught with marijuana on campus?**

*Even if you have a medical marijuana card, the substance is prohibited on campus and at University-sponsored events and activities. Individuals found using or possessing marijuana will be referred to the Office for Student Conduct and Community Standards and may be found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct.*

### **Where should I go if I need to use marijuana because of a medical condition?**

*You are responsible for determining where to use the substance without violating the University's drug-free policies and Student Code of Conduct. Marijuana is prohibited on campus and at University-sponsored events and activities, even for individuals with medical marijuana cards.*

**Can I store my medical marijuana in my car while I am at class?**

*No. Marijuana, even if obtained by using a medical marijuana card, is prohibited on campus and at University-sponsored events and activities.*

**Can I use my medical marijuana if I am a student but live off-campus?**

*Marijuana is prohibited on campus and at University-sponsored events and activities, even with a medical marijuana card. You are responsible for determining the legal use of medical marijuana off-campus.*

**Can a clinician at University Health Services recommend medical marijuana to me?**

*No. University Health Services' clinicians will not be recommending medical marijuana.*

**If I have a recommendation for medical marijuana from a UC physician, can I use it on campus?**

*No. Regardless of the prescribing physician, marijuana, even if obtained by using a medical marijuana card, is prohibited on campus and at University-sponsored events and activities.*

**Is the University notified when a student receives a medical marijuana card?**

*No. The University is not notified if a student receives a medical marijuana card.*

**Can distributors advertise for their dispensary on campus?**

*No. Advertising is prohibited under the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act.*

**If I live on campus and have a medical marijuana recommendation, can I move off campus?**

*If a student lives on campus and has a medical marijuana recommendation, they are able to apply for an agreement release through Housing and Food Services. The [release form](#) is available online.*

**Can I use CBD oil on campus?**

*Cannabidiol (CBD) oil is still illegal at the federal level, according to the [Food and Drug Administration](#). Since UC must comply with and adhere to federal law, CBD oil is prohibited on campus and at University-sponsored events and activities.*

**If I live in University Housing and have a medical marijuana recommendation, can I move off campus?**

*If a student lives in University Housing and has a medical marijuana recommendation, they are able to apply for an agreement release through Housing and Food Services. The release forms are available on-line:*

*<https://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/housing/resources/docs/FreshmanExemptionRequest.pdf>*

*<https://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/housing/resources/docs/AgreementRelease.pdf>*