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**Re:** Guidance for Baltimore City's licensed establishments concerning Maryland Cannabis Legalization

**From:** Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC)

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On July 1, 2023, purchase and use of cannabis for adults (21 and above) became legal in Maryland. The BLLC wishes to provide the following additional guidance for our licensed establishments and all stakeholders so they may comply with the law and BLLC Rules and Regulations.

**Can my customers use cannabis on the premises of my licensed establishment?**

No. Smoking or consumption of cannabis products is permitted only in private residences. Public smoking is prohibited in any public place. This includes outdoor spaces and indoor spaces open to the public including parks, streets and sidewalks, bars and restaurants, public transportation and indoor places of employment.

**If a customer is using cannabis on my property, what should I do about it? Can I be violated for allowing the use?**

Licensees are required to be in control of their establishment at all times and must prohibit illegal activities. Licensees may be held responsible for allowing illegal activities on their premises—including consumption/use of cannabis by a patron—and should act accordingly, including using 911 for assistance, as needed.

**Can cannabis be used in hookah, vape, cigar, rolling papers, or other forms on my licensed premises?**

No.

**Can I include cannabis or hemp ingredients in my drinks or food?**

No. Only licensed dispensaries may sell cannabis products.

**Can I sell cannabis, hemp, or CBD products?**

No, in general. Refer to the following guidance from the MD ATCC:

[https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MDCOMP/2023/07/24/file\\_attachments/2563013/Advisory%2024-002.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MDCOMP/2023/07/24/file_attachments/2563013/Advisory%2024-002.pdf)

[https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MDCOMP/2023/07/24/file\\_attachments/2562987/Attachment%20A%20-%20Intoxicating%20Hemp%20Product%20Examples.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MDCOMP/2023/07/24/file_attachments/2562987/Attachment%20A%20-%20Intoxicating%20Hemp%20Product%20Examples.pdf)

**If, as a member of the general public, I believe a licensed location is allowing the use of cannabis, what can I do?**

Submit a complaint to 311 (licensed liquor establishments) and our inspectors will review the details of any allegations.

**The following guidance documents from our State and City partners may provide further resources for your understanding of this new legal landscape:**

---MD Cannabis Administration – Adult Use Cannabis FAQ - <https://mmcc.maryland.gov/Pages/cannabisfaq.aspx>

---Baltimore City Health Department – FAQ: Maryland Cannabis Laws: <https://health.baltimorecity.gov/policies-and-initiatives/state-and-local-laws-faqs>

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**Please remember**, liquor license holders are held to a higher standard and subject to enforcement from multiple agencies. Should you have any further questions, please call the main BLLC office at 410-396-4377.