DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS

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CERTIFIED PATIENTS & DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS aged 21+ living in New York may cultivate medical cannabis at their home.

CERTIFIED PATIENTS are people who received a certification from a health care provider to use MEDICAL CANNABIS to treat a health condition.

DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS providing care to patients UNDER 21 or with PHYSICAL & COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENTS keeping them from being able to cultivate cannabis on their own are permitted.

Growing cannabis, even for medical purposes, in a federally funded or recognized public housing facility could result in your loss of housing support.

HOW MUCH?

CERTIFIED PATIENTS
Can cultivate, harvest, & dry 3 MATURE & 3 IMMATURE plants.

DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS
with 2+ PATIENTS: Can cultivate, harvest, & dry up to 6 MATURE & 6 IMMATURE plants.

IMMATURE VS. MATURE

MATURE are in a flowering state with visible buds.

IMMATURE non-flowering plants that do not have buds.

NOTE: No matter how many certified patients or caregivers live in the same household, the maximum that can be grown is 6 MATURE & IMMATURE plants per house at one time.
SAFETY TIPS

Keep young people and pets safe
Be sure to store harvested cannabis products in a LOCKED STORAGE CONTAINER, out of sight & reach. Control access to any growing cannabis with a dedicated grow space.

Lower the risk of electrical fires
Growing cannabis plants indoors requires a lot of energy and can OVERLOAD electrical circuits and cause fires. Consult an electrician and consider LED lights.

Avoid flammable materials
Making concentrates, such as cannabis oil, with flammable materials, such as propane & butane, is NOT ALLOWED. These materials release vapors that can easily trigger explosions. Consider alternative extraction methods like heat or pressure.

Be mindful of dosing with edibles
When making edibles at home, such as cannabis-infused beverages or baked goods, it can be CHALLENGING TO DISTRIBUTE cannabis evenly throughout a product.

Follow safe use of pesticides
Keep the growing area CLEAN, UNCROWDED & WELL VENTILATED. Limit pesticide use & make sure to follow applicable guidance on the safe use of pesticides indoors.

Monitor indoor air quality
Control mold/fungus by reducing moisture sources & using a dehumidifier, humidity monitor & fans to ensure PROPER VENTILATION. Moldy cannabis is not safe to consume.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

NEIGHBOR/LANDLORD TALKING TIPS

Medical cannabis is legal in New York for certified patients & designated caregivers.

You are within your right to grow medical cannabis in your home.

The scent is naturally produced, not just from smoking. While it is a strong scent, it is not toxic or harmful to your health.

You can encourage people to check out resources online or at Cannabis.ny.gov.

Share the new law allowing certified patients & designated caregivers to grow at home.

Be aware of lease terms & responsibilities in case there is any property damage.

Keep in mind, landlords can prohibit smoking on their property.