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DON'T DRIVE HIGH - Stay Sharp Behind the Wheel

Source: opp.ca or mto.gov.on.ca/English/safety/impaired-driving.shtml

How soon can I drive after consuming cannabis?

Cannabis varies in potency and affects everyone differently. If you consume cannabis, don't drive. It's dangerous and is a serious criminal offence.

What is a safe amount of cannabis for drivers to have in their system?

Having any amount of cannabis in your system while driving can be dangerous and can lead to an impaired driving charge. Under Ontario's "zero tolerance" law, novice, young (under 22) and commercial drivers can have no presence of drugs or alcohol in their system while driving (medical exemptions may apply).

How would police even know if a driver only has a small amount of cannabis in their system?

The police have effective tools for detecting drugs in drivers. Consuming even a small amount of cannabis can result in drivers performing poorly on a Standardized Field Sobriety Test or in an evaluation by a Drug Recognition Expert. Police also have drug screening equipment and can demand an oral fluid sample.

What are the penalties for drug-impaired driving?

No matter your age or licence class, if you are convicted criminally of impaired driving (by drugs/alcohol), you can face a number of penalties which include fines, a 1-year licence suspension and even jail time.

Can I transport cannabis in my vehicle?

Yes, but the cannabis must be in its original package that has not been opened, or it can be packaged in baggage that is fastened closed or is not otherwise readily available to any person in the vehicle.

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| <p>AGE LIMIT The legal age to possess and use cannabis is 19</p> | <p>WHERE TO BUY Online at the Ontario Cannabis Store is the only legal place to purchase</p>  |
| <p>POSSESSION QUANTITIES</p> <p>30g or less can be possessed legally when in public if 19 years of age or older</p> | |
| <p>WHERE TO CONSUME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public places where smoking tobacco is allowed Designated hotel and motel rooms Residential vehicles/boats | <p>HOME CULTIVATION 4 plants is the maximum amount per primary residence (indoor or outdoor)</p> |
| <p>IMPAIRED DRIVING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licence suspension Vehicle impoundment Financial penalties Possible criminal record Possible jail time | <p>ZERO TOLERANCE Novice, young drivers (under 22) and commercial drivers must not have ANY drugs or alcohol in their system (medical exemptions may apply)</p> |

STAY SHARP KNOW THE FACTS

Visit opp.ca or ontario.ca/page/smoke-free-ontario for more information



Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

Part of the Water Treatment Plant upgrades that the municipality is currently undergoing, was to replace the stand-by / backup generator.

The new generator was installed and commissioned on October 22, 2018. This unit will provide emergency backup power for the Water Treatment Plant for the next 25 years or more. This unit replaces the old generator that was installed in 1992 (26 yrs.).

The reliability issues with the generator caused the loss of water pressure in the water system which caused us to initiate a boil water advisory in July and again in September.

In the new year we will be continuing with the water plant upgrades and plan to have the project completed by the end of 2019.

The Municipal Office is **Open to the Public Daily from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** and open during lunch.

Staff work from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Thursday and 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Fridays.

Appointments can be made with staff if necessary outside of the hours we are open to the public. These appointments are on a case by case basis if the individual cannot see us during regular business hours.

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Motorized Snow Vehicles Driving Reminders, *as per the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act.*



Legally, to drive a Motorized Snow Vehicle along a highway or across a highway you have to be 16 years of age **AND** possess a driver's licence **OR** possess a Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's licence.

Every driver of a Motorized Snow Vehicle shall carry his or her driver's licence or Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's Licence, as well as evidence of the motorized snow vehicle's registration and insurance at all times while operating a motorized snow vehicle.

No person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle unless the vehicle is insured under a vehicle liability policy **AND** the owner of the motorized snow vehicle shall not permit any person to drive the vehicle unless the vehicle is insured.

No person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle at a greater rate of speed than 20 kilometers per hour where the speed limit is 50 kilometers per hour or less, or 50 kilometers per hour on any highway which is open to motor vehicle traffic, where the speed limit is greater than 50 kilometers per hour or on a trail.

No Person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle unless it is equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation and no person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle which has a muffler cut-out, straight exhaust, gutted muffler, hollywood muffler, by-pass or similar device.

Every driver of a motorized snow vehicle shall obey the instructions and directions indicated on any signs on any highways or trails.

For a list of Prohibited Areas and Prohibited Highways within the Municipality, please visit the township website: www.manitouwadge.ca and highlight Government, click on By-laws and policies > By-laws > M > Motorized Snow Vehicles By-law 2018-21

Be prepared, be safe and have an enjoyable winter.

Moonlight Madness

The Township of Manitouwadge hosted Moonlight Madness on Friday, December 14, 2018. Local shoppers flooded the downtown core to participate by dining, shopping and visiting with our local businesses. Shoppers were given a ballot following their purchases for a chance to win a gift basket valued at

over \$400. Business owners generously donated to the gift basket and the lucky winner was Ruth Glaab! Florence MacLean, Economic Development Officer kept track of the number of ballots and is pleased to report that over 600 purchases were made at participating businesses that evening!

Benefits of Shopping Local:

- Shopping locally benefits the economy of your community and supports local business owners.
- Shopping locally is better for the environment and reduces greenhouse gases.
- Shopping locally is the best way to find hidden gems and speak to the artist or artisan who may have a story to tell about the item you are purchasing.



Facility Rentals

Did you know the Community Club House, Ski Chalet, Auditorium and Arena are available for rentals?
Great locations for your private events!

For more information contact Reene Warren at 826-3227 ext. 226 or programmer@manitouwadge.ca

Municipal Lotteries

Lottery can be defined as: *a game, often organized by the state or a charity in order to make money, in which tickets with numbers are sold to people who then have a chance of winning a prize if their number is chosen* (Source: <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/lottery>).

Municipalities work with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) who is responsible for administering the charitable lottery licensing program in the province. Municipalities and the AGCO are responsible for issuing lottery licences to **eligible charitable and religious organizations**. Eligible charitable and religious organizations may raise funds through provincially or municipally licensed lottery events ONLY.

As per the Criminal Code of Canada, **it is illegal to hold any type of lottery whether it be on social media or another location** without first having the licensing authority review all relevant documentation to determine eligibility for lottery licences. These decisions are based on what is considered charitable in law, including the *Criminal Code* of Canada, previous court decisions, Order in Council 1413/08 as amended, and the policies issued by the Registrar of Alcohol, Gaming and Racing.

The courts have determined that the term "charitable" refers to organizations which provide programs for:

- the relief of poverty;
- the advancement of education;
- the advancement of religion;
- other charitable purposes beneficial to the community.

If your charitable or religious organization is interested in determining their eligibility for lottery licences, please contact the Municipal Lottery Licensing Officials at 826-3227 ext. 231 or ext. 223.