



MARIJUANA POLICY

This document will cover the rules and restrictions on possession and use of marijuana/cannabis based products at MES conventions and events that take place in states and/or cities that have legalized the possession and use of marijuana based products.

Policy Statement

The possession and/or use of marijuana based products at any MES convention or event must comply with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and policies as well as those of the venue and location of the MES convention and nothing in this policy shall supersede any such laws, rules, regulations, and policies. The exception is if MES policies are more restrictive than the applicable laws, rules, regulations, or policies.

Audience

With recent changes to some state and city laws regarding the possession and use of marijuana/cannabis - medical or recreational - it requires us to formulate some policies to address the safety of our members and help ensure that we are acting as responsible adults in observing not only safety but applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Reason for Policy

Several states, including Washington (Nowhere is Everywhere) and Colorado (NCRE), have legalized the use of marijuana/cannabis recreationally. We aren't going to tell you that you can or cannot do something that may be legal on your vacations but we are going to tell you how MES will expect you to behave in regards to conventions and conventions space. We will also ask you to be considerate of your fellow members, some of whom have allergies to marijuana/cannabis and some of whom have jobs that could be jeopardized by a failed drug test even if their exposure was unintentional. Don't offer marijuana or anything containing cannabis to another person without disclosing its nature. Don't take an offer of food or candy or similar possible cannabis-containing items without asking to be sure.

MES convention and event attendees are responsible for being aware of the local laws, rules, and regulations governing the possession and use of such products. Ignorance will not be a valid excuse if you are caught breaking the law. (For example: In the state of Washington it is a felony to give someone even a legally purchased marijuana based product. Even if that person could legally



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purchase and consume it themselves.) Please remember that marijuana and cannabis is still illegal under Federal law.

Compliance

Violations of this policy may result in non-admission to or expulsion from the MES convention/event with no refund of any fee or costs and may result in additional sanctions under the MES Membership Handbook.

Rules and Responsibilities

1. The possession of and/or use of marijuana/cannabis based products is forbidden in MES space or any public space of the venue where an MES convention or event is taking place during MES conventions or events. This includes parking lots, smoking areas, etc.

2. All marijuana/cannabis based products in states or cities where it has been legalized must be kept in an attendee's hotel room or vehicle.

3. In localities where the possession and/or use of marijuana/cannabis based products is legal, attendees of the convention or event must abide by all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and policies regarding possession and use.

4. Being intoxicated or impaired via the use of a marijuana/cannabis based product will be treated as being intoxicated or impaired by any other substance for purposes of the Membership Handbook, including possible immediate action to remove an attendee from MES convention/event space.

5. It is the responsibility of the attendee to disclose the nature of marijuana/cannabis based products before offering it to another individual.

Related Regulations, Statutes, and Related Policies

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