

## Defending Medical Cannabis

LAPCG has its origins in the grassroots movement to make medical cannabis legally available for those who use it in the treatment of serious illnesses. We are committed to the full implementation of California's medical cannabis laws and to reforming federal law to allow for safe access. ***We are major donors to the [Americans for Safe Access \(ASA\)](http://www.safeaccessnow.org) campaign. ASA is the largest and most effective campaign to protect medical cannabis rights nationwide. You can feel good about the fact that you are also supporting ASA when you visit the LAPCG. LAPCG encourages all of our members to become educated about the law and to get active in the campaign for safe access. You will find free literature at our facility.***

Please visit [www.safeaccessnow.org](http://www.safeaccessnow.org) for the latest legal, political, and medical information about medical cannabis.

## Good Neighbors

The LAPCG shares this neighborhood with homes and businesses. We have worked hard to establish a positive relationship with our neighbors, the city, and the Sheriff's department. The most likely cause for trouble in Los Angeles is complaints by neighbors regarding our operations. Please be respectful of their rights, privacy, and property. Remember, not everyone shares our opinions about medical cannabis!

You should be very careful not to park in driveways or in illegal spaces. Ask our staff for help with parking.

We have assured our neighbors that there will be no loitering or nuisance behavior near our building. Help us keep this commitment by not lingering in the neighborhood or on the sidewalk. Always be courteous to those who live and work nearby.

We want you to feel safe at the LAPCG. Please ask us if you need an escort to your car. Let us know if you see any suspicious behavior in the neighborhood. These simple precautions will keep the LAPCG operating smoothly and without legal interference. This will ensure that we are here to serve you for years to come.



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### About the LAPCG

The LAPCG is a medical cannabis dispensary organized to serve patients in the Greater Los Angeles area. We provide safe and affordable access to a wide variety of medication, including dried herbs, edibles, extracts, and concentrates. We also provide a reliable source of medical cannabis plant cuttings ("clones") for patients and caregivers who choose to cultivate their own medication.

The LAPCG is committed both to providing safe access -- and to protecting it. We strive to operate a dispensary that is a model of compassion and legal integrity.

### Our Mission

The LAPCG is committed to providing our members with high quality medication at fair prices. We are dedicated to keeping you safe and helping you heal. At the LAPCG, patients always come first!

### Dates of Interest

**CLOSED:** July 4<sup>th</sup>; November 22<sup>nd</sup>, December 25<sup>th</sup>, January 1<sup>st</sup>



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## Membership qualifications

LAPCG only provides services to registered members with current and verifiable letters of recommendation. We will not provide any services until our staff has verified your recommendation and the status of your physician's license.

- 1.) You must submit the original and unexpired letter of recommendation from a California physician. We will not keep your original letter.
- 2.) You must present a valid and unexpired California state ID card or California state driver's license.
- 3.) You must fill out and sign a registration form and complete a short intake orientation before receiving services.
- 4.) Your membership is valid until your letter of recommendation expires, or for one (1) year if there is no expiration date on your letter.
- 5.) Membership is "at will" and may be terminated by you or the LAPCG at any time.

## Legal Information

Cannabis will have variable effects when used by different people and under different circumstances. You must discuss indications and side effects with your doctor. LAPCG cannot offer medical advice and makes no claim as to the efficacy of medication obtained here. We are not qualified or equipped to handle medical emergencies. For medical emergencies, dial 911.

Please read the Sensible Cannabis Use guidelines in this brochure.

LAPCG reserves the right to refuse service to anyone.

## Hours

Sunday: Noon – 7pm

Monday - Saturday: 11am- 7pm

## Links:

Americans for Safe Access (ASA): [www.SafeAccessNow.org](http://www.SafeAccessNow.org)

Cannabis Action Network (CAN): [www.CannabisAction.net](http://www.CannabisAction.net)

Musicians for Medical Marijuana: [www.m4mmj.org](http://www.m4mmj.org)

Medical Marijuana Pro Con:

<http://www.medicalmarijuanaprocon.org/>

## Facility Guidelines

These guidelines are designed to facilitate a safe and enjoyable atmosphere. It is very important that we follow these guidelines so that we can continue to operate for years to come. Membership can be revoked for violation of any of these guidelines.

- You must be at least eighteen (18) years old and have state issued ID to enter the building. Parents or court appointed legal guardians must act as caregivers to obtain services on behalf of legally qualified patients who are younger than eighteen years old.
- You must show your medical cannabis recommendation or state issued medical cannabis ID card to the security guard and the receptionist when you enter the facility.
- You may never sell or otherwise distribute the medication you obtain at the LAPCG. It is illegal and you will be permanently excluded from membership if you do so.
- You should treat everyone in the building with respect. You will be asked to leave if you use offensive or abusive language or behavior.
- No cell phones in the dispensing area. You may not smoke at the LAPCG. Never consume cannabis in the neighborhood or car.
- For your safety, place all medication and plants out of sight before leaving the building.
- Absolutely no alcohol, hard drugs, or weapons are allowed in the building.
- Any member who commits or threatens an act of violence will be excluded from membership and may be subject to criminal prosecution.
- Be friendly to our neighbors! And, please, do not litter.
- Only park in legal parking spaces. Do not block driveways. You **will** be ticketed by the City of West Hollywood.
- In the event of an emergency, please follow the instructions of the staff.

## Safe Access, Sensible Use

Like any medicine, cannabis can be misused. Excessive or inappropriate use can contribute to problems including sleepiness, overeating, and time management issues. Due to the political climate surrounding cannabis use research, clinical studies have produced widely conflicting conclusions about the true benefits and potential side effects of cannabis use. Always listen to the advice of your doctor and use good judgment when using medical cannabis.

These guidelines help identify ways of using medical cannabis in a positive way.

- Adults should use cannabis as part of a healthy, balanced, and responsible lifestyle. The decision to use cannabis should be made freely, and not as a result of social pressure.
- Cannabis users should be well informed about its effects on themselves and others. These effects include both legal and health risks and personal consequences.
- Never use cannabis as an excuse or a cue for antisocial or irresponsible behavior.
- Cannabis users should model and reward responsible use, particularly with new users.
- Use cannabis as part of positive social interactions, rather than primarily in isolation or as a remedy for negative feelings.
- Develop sensible cannabis use limits for yourself based on personal, health, situational, and cultural factors. It is important to be objective about your personal cannabis use and listen to the constructive advice of others.
- Avoid cannabis use that puts you or others at risk, such as when driving, at work, or in public places. Remember, personal use of cannabis is illegal and penalties are stiff.
- Use of cannabis by children is inappropriate and should be discouraged.
- Cannabis use should contribute to, rather than detract from, user's health, well-being, creativity, work, relationships, and social obligations.