

California

Status of Medical Marijuana (Cannabis) in California.

California has a MEDICAL MARIJUANA (cannabis) LAW

SUMMARY: Fifty-six percent of voters approved Proposition 215 on November 5, 1996. The law took effect the following day. It removes state-level criminal penalties on the use, possession and cultivation of marijuana by patients who possess a "written or oral recommendation" from their physician that he or she "would benefit from medical marijuana." Patients diagnosed with any debilitating illness where the medical use of marijuana has been "deemed appropriate and has been recommended by a physician" are afforded legal protection under this act. Conditions typically covered by the law include but are not limited to: arthritis; cachexia; cancer; chronic pain; HIV or AIDS; epilepsy; migraine; and multiple sclerosis. No set limits regarding the amount of marijuana patients may possess and/or cultivate were provided by this act, though the California Legislature adopted guidelines in 2003.

Possession/Cultivation: Possession/Cultivation: Qualified patients and their primary caregivers may possess no more than eight ounces of dried marijuana and/or six mature (or 12 immature) marijuana plants. However, S.B. 420 allows patients to possess larger amounts of marijuana when recommended by a physician. The legislation also allows counties and municipalities to approve and/or maintain local ordinances permitting patients to possess larger quantities of medicinal pot than allowed under the new state guidelines. S.B. 420 also grants implied legal protection to the state's medicinal marijuana dispensaries,

stating, "Qualified patients, persons with valid identification cards, and the designated primary caregivers of qualified patients ... who associate within the state of California in order collectively or cooperatively to cultivate marijuana for medical purposes, shall not solely on the basis of that fact be subject to state criminal sanctions."

Amendment(s): Senate Bill 420 (PDF 70KB) Effective: Jan. 1, 2004 | Imposes statewide guidelines outlining how much medicinal marijuana patients may grow and possess. See above.

Update(s): Attorney General's Guidelines; On Aug. 25, 2008, California Attorney General Jerry Brown issued guidelines for law enforcement and medical marijuana patients to clarify the state's laws. Read more about the guidelines [here](#) .

Application information for the California Medical Marijuana Program is available by mail, email, and online:

California Department of Public Health
Office of County Health Services
Attention: Medical Marijuana Program Unit
MS 5203
P.O. Box 997377
Sacramento, CA 95899-7377
Phone: 907-465-5423

[Medical Marijuana Program](#)

Fee: \$66.00 non Medi-Cal / \$33.00 Medi-Cal, plus additional county fees (varies by location)

Source(s): [NORML.org](#), [ProCon.org](#) >>>

Info on California and Medical Cannabis

▶ **ASA : Becoming a Patient in California | Information of how to become a legal medical cannabis (medical marijuana) patient, and how to get safe access and legal access in California.** Visit: www.safeaccessnow.org/article.php?id=956

▶ **Safe Access Now - Reasonable Medical Marijuana Guidelines. (INF)** Click here to read online Cannabis Yields and Dosage, Chris Conrad's guide to the science and legalities of calculating medical marijuana. | Click here to read online Cannabis Yields and Dosage, Chris Conrad's guide to the science and legalities of calculating medical marijuana. The 2007 edition is available as a PDF (1.5MB) by clicking here, or you can order a printed copy by clicking here: SAN booklet orders. For help in defending a medical marijuana case, see this URL from Americans for Safe Access. The California Attorney General has issued his own set of guidelines. These are not binding law, but give an idea of how prosecutors will consider the circumstances of a medical marijuana patient or garden. ... Visit: <http://www.safeaccessnow.net/>

The Law, LEGAL Resources

▶ **Green Aid: The Marijuana Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. (ORG)** Green Aid: The Medical Marijuana Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. is a California charitable corporation with 501(c)(3) non-profit ... The mission and vision of GREEN AID are as follows: --To set new precedents in marijuana freedom for all Americans by moving the fight for medical marijuana rights into the legal and judicial realm exclusively. As a nonprofit with unprecedented focus, GREEN AID will work solely on the legal and judicial front of the fight for medical marijuana change. As such, GREEN AID will enlist services by the finest lawyers available. GREEN AID's unmatched presence in the Courts will reassign public marijuana debates as part and parcel of the range of human rights concerns that grip the very core of our nation in the 21st Century. ... Visit: <http://www.green-aid.com/>

▶ **Medical Marijuana / California Prop 215. (INF, Org)** Community Action Coordinators for the 1996 California medical marijuana initiative. California Proposition 215. Passed by 56% of California voters in It's still the law. Cannabis (marijuana) was listed in medical texts to treat over 100 different health conditions, prior to its ban in 1937 over the objections of the AMA. Medical use is still allowed under the UN Single Convention Treaty on Narcotic Drugs. The National Academy of Science did a scientific review in 1999 for the federal Office of Narcotics Control Policy and documented legitimate medical uses for cannabis, but the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) still forbids its use. Meanwhile, the US government gives cannabis to seven patients in the Compassionate IND (Investigational New Drug) program. ... Visit: <http://www.chrisconrad.com/expert.witness/Prop215.html>

In the meantime, here are some national / international Resources -

▶ **The Laws concerning marijuana in California.** By NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. Visit: norml.org/index.cfm?wtm_view=&Group_ID=4525 for more.

▶ **ASA : California's Medical Marijuana Laws |** Medical cannabis (medical marijuana) laws in California. Visit: www.safeaccessnow.org/section.php?id=189

▶ **Drug Policy Alliance: Info for Medical Marijuana Litigators: California ... Home > Marijuana: The Facts > Medical Marijuana > Legal Challenges > Info for Litigators > Legal > State Laws > Info for Medical Marijuana Litigators: California ... Click > [here](#) <** for more.

▶ **Medicinal Marijuana - State-by-State American Laws | U.S. State Laws on Medical Marijuana Source: CNN Interactive** Highlights: A licensed pharmacist may dispense cannabis type drugs to a person receiving ... click > [here](#) < for more.

▶ **U.S. Marijuana Laws, Medical Marijuana Facts, Cannabis, Hemp | Provides U.S. Marijuana Laws, Facts About Marijuana, Marijuana Drug Testing, Drug Detection Times, Medical Marijuana, and Information About Your Rights ...** North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Oregon... visit - www.usmarijuanalaws.com

▶ **Erowid Cannabis Vault : Legal Status, U.S. LAW | Both Cannabis and Tetrahydrocannabinols, the active chemicals contained in Cannabis plants, are Schedule I in the United States. This means they are federally illegal to cultivate, buy, possess, or distribute (sell, trade or give) in all forms (cannabis plants, extracts, hash, hash oil, thc, etc) except synthetic THC (Marinol) which is Schedule III.** The federal scheduling of Cannabis was disputed in 1988 by Judge Francis Young, an administrative law judge for the DEA, who recommended that marijuana be reclassified as schedule II on the grounds that if a respectable minority of doctors endorse it, then it has a "currently accepted medical use". Visit: http://www.erowid.org/plants/cannabis/cannabis_law.shtml

▶ **Legal and medical status of cannabis - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia | Cannabis is in Schedule IV of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, making it subject to special restrictions.** Article 2 provides for the following, in reference to Schedule IV drugs:

A Party shall, if in its opinion the prevailing conditions in its country render it the most appropriate means of protecting the public health and welfare, prohibit the production, manufacture, export and import of, trade in, possession or use of any such drug except for amounts which may be necessary for medical and scientific research only, including clinical trials therewith to be conducted under or subject to the direct supervision and control of the Party.

This provision, while apparently providing for the limitation of cannabis to research purposes only, also seems to allow some latitude for nations to make their own judgments. The official Commentary on the Single Convention indicates that Parties are expected to make that judgment in good faith. Click > [here](#) < for more.

LEGISLATION, Action Items and related Resources

▶ **Drug Policy Alliance: Reform in California | Medical Marijuana: California allows patients to use medical marijuana if they have a debilitating medical condition and a state-issued registry condition.** This law was enacted in May 2004 after Gov. Jim Douglas allowed a bill to become law without his signature. ... visit: <http://www.drugpolicy.org/statebystate/California/>

▶ **NORML / A Page Just For You / Medical Marijuana Patients | This section is to help you locate the information you need to become fully informed regarding medical marijuana -- as well as play an important role in changing America's misguided marijuana laws.** Select One, All States and Canada, Mexico, Europe, Other ... visit: http://www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=4482

▶ **DrugInfo - Medical Cannabis: USA > In Search of a Viable Distribution System for Oklahoma's Medical Marijuana Program** ... Medicinal Cannabis: USA Federal: Legislation, Court Decisions and Commentaries States: Legislation and Programs. Click [here](#) for more.

▶ **Others? Will be listed here.** As we get the info. You can also check the [Events](#) and [News](#) sections to see if there are any Items posted there. **Know about one yourself?** Post it on the [Bulletin Board](#), below.

local Organizations, CONTACTs and other Resources

▶ **California NORML | California NORML is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to reforming California's marijuana laws. We publish a newsletter, lobby lawmakers, sponsor events, offer legal, educational, and consumer health advice, and sponsor scientific research.** They maintain a separate membership and financial base from national NORML. Contact them at: 2215-R Market St. #278, San Francisco CA 94114 * (415) 563-5858 -or- by Visiting: <http://www.canorml.org> ... where you'll find these Ca-N - Resources -

▶ **CA NORML's list of Co-ops, dispensaries, and support groups is at - >** <http://canorml.org/prop/cbclist.html>

▶ CA NORML's list of doctors familiar with medical marijuana is at - >
<http://canorml.org/prop/215physicians.html>

▶ Orange County NORML located in Irvine, California, is a chapter of The NORML Foundation, a sister organization to NORML. We are a nonprofit foundation established in 2003 to educate the public about marijuana and marijuana policy options including medical marijuana and industrial marijuana, and to assist victims of current laws. Orange County Norml has been granted 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. Donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Orange County NORML sponsors public advertising campaigns providing information about the costs of marijuana prohibition and the benefits of alternative policies; distributes press releases to the media and citizen activists focusing on recent developments pertaining to marijuana research and policy. We also provide limited legal assistance and support to victims of current marijuana laws. Memberships and donations support our all volunteer efforts. Remember.....freedom isn't free. Contact info: Orange County Norml, PO Box 11016, Costa Mesa CA 92627 * phone: 714.210.6446 ... or Visit: <http://www.ocnorml.org/>



ASA's (Americans for Safe Access) California Campaigns & Services

Americans for Safe Access (ASA) is the largest national member-based organization of patients, medical professionals, scientists and concerned citizens promoting safe and legal access to cannabis for therapeutic use and research. They work to overcome political and legal barriers by creating policies that improve access to medical cannabis for patients and researchers through legislation, education, litigation, grassroots actions, advocacy and services for patients and their providers. ASA has over 30,000 active members with chapters and affiliates in more than 40 states.

▶ ASA's Protect Dispensing Collectives and Cooperatives project | Download useful info to educate your city council and board of supervisors on the importance of dispensing collectives and cooperatives to safe access to medical marijuana. ... Visit: <http://www.safeaccessnow.org/section.php?id=154>

▶ ASA's California ID Card Campaign | Senate Bill 420 established a statewide medical marijuana ID card program for the state Department of Health Services and all of the County Departments of Public Health to administer. The legislation mandated that the state implement the program, but it is designed to be voluntary for patients and caregivers. ASA is working to establish an ID card program that both protects patients and is implemented fairly and expeditiously. ... Visit: <http://www.safeaccessnow.org/section.php?id=214>

▶ **ASA's CHP Lawsuit Campaign | The CHP is by far the worst violator of the Compassionate Use Act and SB 420 with its policy of mandatory confiscation of medicine.** With our lawsuit, ASA changed that policy to one that discourages CHP officers from confiscating medicine from patients and caregivers, and provides officers with instructions on how to verify valid medical marijuana documentation. ... Visit: <http://www.safeaccessnow.org/article.php?list=type&type=201>

▶ **ASA's Return of Property Campaign | A three-month study by ASA found local and state law enforcement is routinely seizing the marijuana to which California patients are legally entitled - and not giving it back.** In reponse, ASA organized a mass court action by patients demanding their medicine back in 36 counties on Tuesday, August 17, 2004 and is currently helping dozens of patients fight to recover their confiscated property. ... Visit: <http://www.safeaccessnow.org/article.php?list=type&type=200>

▶ **ASA's Peer Counseling and Dispensary Services | ASA's Peer Counseling Program is an education, outreach and training program** specifically for medical cannabis patients and their caregivers. ... Visit: <http://www.safeaccessnow.org/article.php?id=2841>

▶ **ASA's Legal Support | One of ASA's most important and far-reaching services** is our Legal Support program. ... Visit: <http://www.safeaccessnow.org/article.php?id=1130>

▶ **Angel Justice: Index. (ORG) Home » Index. Background How the Raich v. Ashcroft federal medical cannabis lawsuit born, and who is involved | In the days immediately following September 11, 2001, as the world was riveted by the issue of terrorism, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration turned its sights on a nonviolent group of seriously ill Americans, as it stepped up the level of time, money, and Federal law enforcement personnel used to attack medical cannabis patients. Multiple raids on the homes and gardens of California's medical cannabis caregivers and patients soon followed.** The DEA raids became ever more outrageous and more harmful to patients. Angel Wings Patient OutReach, Inc. worked hard to develop a sound legal strategy to help ensure patients' and caregivers' safety and to create new public policies on the federal level. Our legal team felt we had to do everything we could to stop the federal government's dangerous actions. ... visit: ... Visit: <http://www.angeljustice.org/>

▶ **Human Rights and the Drug War HRDW is a multi-media project that combines the stories and photos of Drug War POWs with facts and figures about the US Drug War,** to confront the conscience of the American people and encourage individuals to take action for social justice. Contact: PO Box 1716 El Cerrito, California 94530 ... Visit: <http://www.hr95.org>

▶ **Marijuana Anti-Prohibition Project** We are a marijuana anti-prohibition project which includes medical cannabis patients. We are political in the sense that we are attempting to establish "Guidelines" in Riverside County. We have been corresponding with the District Attorney's Office, as well as local city councils and of course the Sheriff and Bopard of Supervisors. We are trying to implement the Sonoma

Guidelines, as well as the San Diego City guidelines and i.d. card program. Contact: Lanny Swerdlow lannyswerdlow@earthlink.net 760-799-2055

▶ **Marin Alliance for Medical Marijuana** Our mission has been to protect patients from abuse by law enforcement and a jail system that continues to incarcerate the sick for medical marijuana, despite the successful passage of Proposition 215. Contact: 415-456-4313 ... Visit: <http://www.cbcmarin.com>

▶ **Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana** **Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana (WAMM)** is an organization seeking to educate the general public regarding the medical usefulness of Marijuana, and to insure that seriously ill patients have access to a safe, natural supply of Marijuana to treat their individual medical conditions as prescribed or recommended by their physician, and to document the medical efficacy of Marijuana through scientific observations. Contact: 309 Cedar ST #39, Santa Cruz, California 95060 ... Visit: <http://www.wamm.org>

Also, here are some national / international Resources -

National and International ORGz Section

▶ **ASA : California | Medical cannabis (medical marijuana) resources in California ...** Find info here on the therapeutic uses of and research on medical cannabis. ... visit - <http://www.safeaccessnow.org/article.php?id=242>

▶ **American Medical Marijuana Association ... Medical Marijuana Pharmacy | California. State registration program, Dept of Health and Social Services 907-465-5423.** Colorado. State registration program (303) 692-2184 [medical.marijuana ... visit: http://americanmarijuana.org/](http://www.americanmarijuana.org/)

▶ **NORML Home / Medical Use by State.** All States and Canada Mexico Europe Other ... See Map: www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=3376 for more.

▶ **Patients Out of Time** is a patient advocacy organization with a universal constituency. They support the rights of patients to have a legal and safe access to the therapeutic use of cannabis. The mission of their organization, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, is the education of health care professionals and the public about the therapeutic use of cannabis. Their leadership is composed of medical and nursing professionals with expertise in the clinical applications of cannabis and five of the seven patients (two wish to remain anonymous) who receive their medical cannabis from the US government. Patients Out of Time is the only national non-profit in the United States that focuses only on therapeutic cannabis issues. Visit - www.medicalcannabis.com

▶ **Marijuana Policy Project (MPP). Join the Marijuana Policy Project!** State officials confirm Supreme Court decision does not impact state medical marijuana laws. Medical

Marijuana Briefing Paper - 2005. Until 1937, marijuana (Cannabis sativa L.) was legal in the United States ... Hawaii enacted a medical marijuana law via its state legislature in 2000 and ... Visit: www.mpp.org/medicine.html

▶ **DrugSense: Drug Law Reform** ... of Justice Statistics, State Court Organization, 1998 (Washington, DC ... Cannabis in Medical Practice: A Legal, Historical and Pharmacological... Visit: www.drugsense.org

▶ **OCBC's Links Page. Organizations Supporting Medical-cannabis Reform.** Americans for Safe Access(ASA) coordinates "...a nation-wide day of action to push back DEA attempts to re-criminalize medical cannabis! ... Washington Citizens for Medical Rights, sponsored a successful medical cannabis ballot measure in November 1998. "As a result, this Initiative is now State ... Visit: www.rxcbc.org/links.html

▶ **Excellent medical info on cannabis, Washington State's I-692 Medical Marijuana Law** ... Greencross. Washington State based buyer's cooperative based in Seattle. Trailblazer in state ... Visit: www.seattlehempfest.com/links.php < for more.

▶ **Marijuana links. Popular Searches: Medical Marijuana Links. Marijuana Research Links.** ... **about marijuana**, The Washington State Medical Marijuana Act CHAPTER 69.51A RCW This is ... an activist for medical marijuana. Chronic Cannabis Use A report on ... Click > [here](#) < for more.

▶ **Open Directory - Society: Issues: Health: Drugs: Illegal: Pro-Legalization: Marijuana: Medical Purposes** ... to providing medical cannabis to those in need. Initiative 692 - Medical Marijuana - WCMR of Washington State ... use of medical cannabis in the state of Colorado. Medical Marijuana ... click > [here](#) < for more.

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FORUMs Section

▶ **Local Email Lists**, like **California Announce List-Serve** (To join the California announcement list-serve (extremely low traffic) send a blank email to: asa-ca-subscribe@lists.safeaccessnow.org) and **Local Discussion List-Serves** (To join the San Francisco list-serve (for San Francisco and surrounding communities) send a blank email to: sanfrancisco-subscribe@lists.safeaccessnow.org) | can be found at the ASA Resource page - > <http://www.safeaccessnow.org/article.php?id=242> dedicated to such things. Many Thank! to them for doing it.

Also, here are some national / international Forums -

▶ **Ganja Grocer | We are your Medical Marijuana Resource Center. Learn How to Become a Legal Medical Marijuana Patient.** If you live in a state with Medical Marijuana Laws, Come visit our forums today! Visit - www.ganjagrocer.com < for more.

▶ **CANNABIS.COM** - is based in california and focused on providing the best possible resources for future and current medical marijuana patients, activists, and supporters. MessageBoard Forum. Cannabis FAQs. Image & Picture Gallery. Medical Marijuana. Vaporizer FAQ. Advertising Information ... Visit: www.cannabis.com

▶ **Cannabis Community Coalition. Forum for Medical Marijuana & Medicinal Cannabis Patients.** ... visit: cannabiscom.blogspot.com < for more.

▶ **The Compassionate Coalition's mission: To defend the rights of medical marijuana patients and care providers through education and community participation. A nonprofit grassroots organization that helps build and support local chapters nationwide, linking them with other medical marijuana reform organizations and resources.** Contact Information - Mailing Address: The Compassionate Coalition * 1500 Oliver Road, Ste-K * P.M.B. #248 * Fairfield, CA 94533-3473 * (NOTE: When sending mail to this address, please be sure to write "The Compassionate Coalition" in the address line. Thanks!) * Fax: (916)266-7455 * or Visit: www.compassionatecoalition.org/forum

▶ **The Amsterdam THC Ministry, First Universal Church of Kantheism, is based on ancient wisdom, modern science and the enlightening and healing properties of the cannabis sacrament.** Their mission includes liberating the sacred cannabis hemp plant and the minds and spirits of those who do and of those who do not revere it. May we all enjoy the rich, abundant, joyful and awakened life that is part of our natural inheritance. Visit: www.thc-ministry.net/forum

▶ **Ya-Hooka; Health_and_Medicinal/Buyers_Clubs Organizations and Compassion Clubs providing access to medical marijuana** ... Co-op ~ The Alternative Relief Co-op is a patient-oriented medical cannabis dispensary located in San Francisco ... It Report Broken Link. Arizona Medical Marijuana Co-Op ~ Click [here](#) for more.

▶ **Welcome to the Cannabis Classifieds Want Ads. To buy cannabis for medical purposes is legal in some areas.** Here you will find hundreds of medical doctors, professional growers, and prescription patients in need who want to buy cannabis legally but can't find each other. Visit: www.cannabisclassifieds.com/cannabiswant.html

EVENTs, Calendars and related Resources

▶ **ASA: Events | 3rd Annual Candlelight Vigil for Medical Cannabis Patients**
Saturday, April 22nd 2006 8 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania PhillyNORML will host it's
3rd annual ... visit - www.safeaccessnow.org/calendar.php?calid=315

▶ **HempFests | Street Fairs, Festivals and Farmers Markets** - Music, Food and Stuff for Sale or Barter - any opportunity for activists to booth, people to gather and businesses to vend ... like any local versions of the [Seattle Hempfest](#) ... will be listed here as we find out about them.

▶ **Marches | Demonstrations, Rallies and similar Action Items** any situation where activists are trying to educate or draw attention to - yet another - victim and people are congregating ... like the [Million Marijuana Marches](#) ... will be listed here as we find out about them.

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BIZ, and related Commercial Resources

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NEWS and related Resources

▶ **Court decisions strengthen and clarify California's medical marijuana law - Last update: December 3, 2008 |** In a recent legal victory for medical marijuana patients, the U.S. Supreme Court denied a request to hear a case involving the return of marijuana that local police had wrongfully seized from a state-legal medical marijuana patient, Felix Kha. The marijuana, found during a traffic stop, was confiscated by a Garden Grove police officer. Because of Kha's status as a qualified patient, the Orange County district attorney refused to prosecute the case and a superior court judge ordered the marijuana returned. The city disagreed with the court order to return the property and took the decision to California's 4th District Court of Appeals, asserting that they were bound to enforce federal drug laws — regardless of the state law allowing Kha to possess the marijuana. In November 2007, the appeals court unanimously ruled, "It is not the job of local police to enforce federal drug laws ..." and ordered the marijuana returned. Garden Grove requested that the California Supreme Court hear an appeal in the case but was denied. Finally, the city took their case to the United States Supreme Court, which also denied review on December 1, 2008. Visit - <http://www.mpp.org/states/california/>

▶ **American Civil Liberties Union : California Reinstates Medical Marijuana Card Program (NEWS, Org) | After ACLU and Drug Policy Alliance Threaten Lawsuit (7/19/2005) SACRAMENTO --** The Schwarzenegger administration today complied with demands from the American Civil Liberties Union and the Drug Policy Alliance and reinstated California's medical marijuana card program. "California's

reinstatement of the card program squarely confirms that state medical marijuana laws across the country remain completely valid and in force," said Allen Hopper, an attorney with the ACLU's Drug Law Reform Project. "Patients can breathe a sigh of relief today, and we applaud the Attorney General's prompt attention and resolution of this issue." Click > [here](http://www.aclu.org//drugpolicy/medmarijuana/20086prs20050719.html) < for more. (<http://www.aclu.org//drugpolicy/medmarijuana/20086prs20050719.html>)

▶ **Allen's Story | Allen Eugene Bennett is reprieved from the grasp of death from Cancer by the marvelous natural medicine Cannabis (Marijuana). Video Slide Show - Allen's Story - Cancer and Medical Cannabis (Marijuana). (Article) Account of a California man who used marijuana as part of his therapy for cancer.** Includes information about Proposition 215. ... Visit: <http://www.ebdir.net/allen/>

▶ **US judge approves distribution of marijuana - British Medical Journal, July 29, 2000 by Deborah Josefson | A federal judge in Oakland, California, has approved the distribution of marijuana for medicinal purposes from a "medical marijuana" club. The decision marks the first time a federal judge has overturned a federal injunction against marijuana and may lead to more widespread approval of marijuana for medicinal purposes. US district court judge Charles Breyer ruled that the Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative could provide marijuana to club members who required it for medicinal purposes and would face "imminent harm" without it. By allowing the Oakland club to operate, Judge Breyer overturned an injunction he issued in 1998 that shut down that club and five others. The Oakland club was the only one that appealed against his original ruling. US district court judge Charles Breyer ruled that the Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative could provide marijuana to club members who required it for medicinal purposes and would face "imminent harm" without it." Click > [here](http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m0999/is_7256_321/ai_64452878) < for more. (http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m0999/is_7256_321/ai_64452878)**

▶ **CA Cities Scramble to Regulate or Ban Medical Marijuana (Article) Claim cannabis clubs not good neighbors. | Since California enacted a law allowing patients to use marijuana for medical reasons cities across the state have been scrambling to restrict or even ban medical marijuana dispensaries, or ... Dateline: July 13, 2004.** "In January 2004, California enacted a state law allowing patients to use marijuana for medical reasons with a doctor's prescription. Since then, cities across the state have been scrambling to restrict or even ban medical marijuana dispensaries, or "cannabis clubs" from locating inside their boundaries. Two cities located within a puff of the California Legislature in Sacramento, Rancho Cordova and Rocklin, typify these efforts.

"There is no such thing as medical marijuana," Rancho Cordova Councilman David Sander told the Sacramento Bee. "I cannot support marijuana distribution in this community." Visit: Click > [here](http://usgovinfo.about.com/od/rightsandfreedoms/a/medipotban.htm) < for more. (<http://usgovinfo.about.com/od/rightsandfreedoms/a/medipotban.htm>)

▶ **Online NewsHour: Medical Marijuana -- May 14, 2001. (Article) The Supreme Court unanimously rules against California's medical marijuana law. | The Oakland, California, Cannabis Club was one of the organizations that ... "MARGARET**

WARNER: Today's eight to nothing ruling against marijuana's medical use came in a case brought by the federal government after California voters passed a 1996 initiative legalizing such use. This case marked the High Court's first foray into the medical marijuana debate. Here to discuss today's ruling and its impact is Marcia Coyle, Supreme Court correspondent and Washington bureau chief for the National Law Journal. NewsHour regular Jan Crawford Greenberg is on maternity leave.” Click > [here](#) < for more. (http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/health/jan-june01/medmarijuana_5-14.html)

▶ **cannabisnews.com: California Medical Cannabis Club Under Fire. (NEWS)** California Medical Cannabis Club Under Fire. Posted August 31, 2002 by Jeffrey Anderson, Los Angeles Daily Journal. “Mere mention of ‘medical cannabis’ | Scott Imler decided to starve himself to death this summer to protest federal drug enforcement action against a cannabis club. After five days, he decided his death wouldn't provide an answer to his problems. Neither, so far, have the courts or law enforcement, which are locked in a death grip over the right of terminally or chronically ill patients to smoke marijuana, as provided by a state law and prohibited by the federal government. Federal agents raided the West Hollywood headquarters of the Los Angeles Cannabis Resource Center on Oct. 25, 2001. They seized the club's computers, medical files, bank accounts and inventory -- 400 plants and 10 pounds of harvested pot to serve the palliative needs of more than 900 medical patients, 90 percent of who suffer from cancer or AIDS. Imler uses medical marijuana to diminish his suffering from post-traumatic epileptic seizures. He had worked closely with city officials to set up the center and had earned a reputation among advocates as a stickler for detail who closely adhered to the mandates of local law enforcers. ... Visit: <http://www.cannabisnews.com/news/thread13936.shtml>

▶ **Supreme Court Bars Distribution of Marijuana for Medical Purposes. (NEWS)** The U.S. Supreme Court votes 7-1 to bar the distribution of marijuana for medicinal purposes. | Responding to an emergency request from the Clinton Administration, the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday voted 7-1 to bar the distribution of marijuana for medicinal purposes in California. The court's brief order postponed the effect of a 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that “medical necessity” of marijuana is a “legally cognizable defense” to charges of distributing drugs in violation of a federal law. Yesterday's ruling virtually overrides California's controversial 1996-passed ballot initiative -- Proposition 215. The initiative allows medical patients, under doctors' recommendations, to grow and use marijuana for pain relief. Several California "cannabis clubs" also distributed the drug to patients under the initiative and had continued to do so after the 9th Court of Appeals' ruling. ... Visit: <http://usgovinfo.about.com/library/news/aa083000a.htm>

▶ **Media Awareness Project - Pot Activists Want DEA Out of Building. (NEWS, Org)** Reports that demonstrators protested the Drug Enforcement Administration outside an Oakland, CA, building in 2003 for preventing patients from using medical marijuana. | **POT ACTIVISTS WANT DEA OUT OF OAKLAND BUILDING - OAKLAND** -- The fight for access to medical marijuana continued Tuesday across the nation and in downtown Oakland, as demonstrators demanded the eviction of the Drug Enforcement Administration from the Ronald V. Dellums Federal

Building. Members of Americans for Safe Access (ASA) and medical marijuana supporters protested government actions preventing patients from using marijuana to treat illnesses. Protesters gathered from noon to 1 p.m. outside the building waiting for the DEA to respond. Fake eviction notices from the protesters were posted on the building's front doors. "The government is overreaching something that is supported by 80 percent of Americans," said Hilary McQuie, ASA campaign coordinator. "I think it's incomprehensible ... what kind of priorities are these?" ... Visit: <http://www.mapinc.org/drugnews/v03/n278/a02.html?999>

▶ **Medical Marijuana Full Coverage on Yahoo! News (NEWS) Search: All News & Blogs Yahoo!: Medical Marijuana ... Science of Medical Marijuana - com - Marijuana found in clothes being worn by baby The News-Press - Sat Dec 20, | A Fort Myers man was arrested Thursday after Lee County sheriff's deputies say he was hiding marijuana in a baby's clothes, which were being worn by...** ... Visit: http://news.yahoo.com/fc/health/medical_marijuana

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