

## CURRENT REGULATIONS AND SURVEY RESULTS RELATED TO MEDICINAL MARIJUANA

Medical use of marijuana/cannabis has been legal in California since Proposition 215, the “Compassionate Use Act,” passed in 1996 ([Cal. Health & Safety \(H&S\) § 11362.5](#)). After Proposition 64 legalized recreational marijuana in California, the Legislature passed the Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act, creating a combined regulatory system for both medical and recreational marijuana.

Doctors do not prescribe marijuana. Federal law specifically prohibits prescription of Schedule I drugs, including marijuana. Instead, doctors can recommend marijuana for appropriate conditions. Patients who are living with cancer, anorexia, AIDS, chronic pain, spasticity, glaucoma, arthritis, migraine, or any other illness for which marijuana provides relief are mentioned in Proposition 215. Physicians have recommended marijuana for other conditions, including insomnia, depression, anxiety, PTSD, and many more.

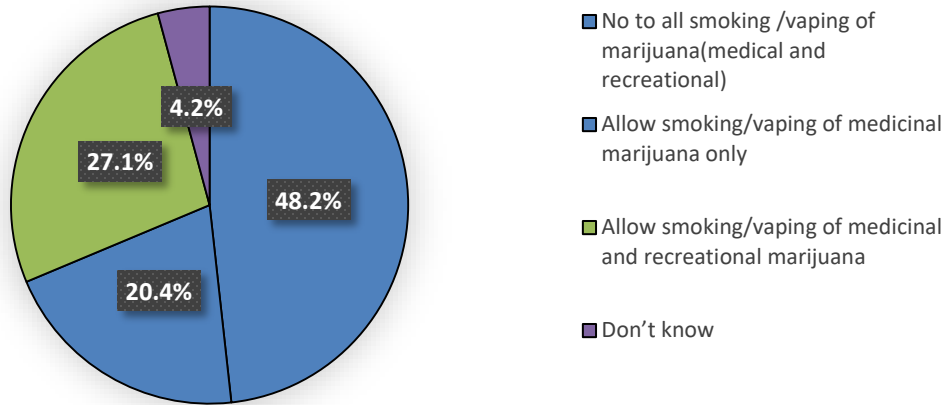
Most medicinal marijuana recommendations are made by doctors who specialize in evaluating patients for recommendation, rather than the patients’ usual physician. The recommending doctor should review patients’ existing medical records before making a recommendation, including reviewing any other medications the patients are already using.

The survey question asking “should smoking/vaping marijuana be prohibited?” offered four possible answer choices. The answers and percentage of respondents are listed below:

- Yes, all marijuana smoking/vaping should be prohibited (49.2% of respondents).
- Recreational marijuana smoking/vaping should be prohibited, but medicinal marijuana smoking/vaping should be allowed (20.4% of respondents).
- No, recreational or medicinal marijuana smoking/vaping should not be prohibited (27.1% of respondents).
- Don’t know (4.2% of respondents).

The results show that the majority of respondents are in favor of prohibiting recreational marijuana. Of the respondents, 68.7% were in favor of prohibiting the smoking/vaping of recreational marijuana in apartments, condominiums, and townhomes. See the chart below for a breakdown of survey results.

## Survey Responses Against Smoking/Vaping Recreational Marijuana (69%)



The survey results regarding allowing smoking/vaping of medicinal marijuana in apartments, condominiums, and townhomes show that 48.7% of respondents were against, and 47.5% were in favor of allowing smoking/vaping of medicinal marijuana in apartments, condominiums, and townhomes. See the chart below for a breakdown of the survey results.

## Survey Responses For and Against Smoking/Vaping Medicinal Marijuana

