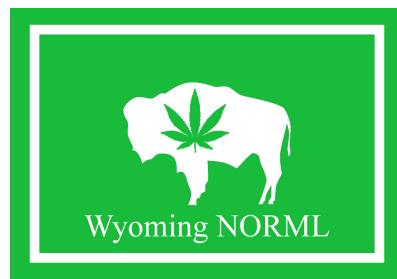


- 1) With the recent passage of HB230 by the WY legislature, industrial hemp will be available to licensed Wyoming farmers as a hardy low-input crop that produces animal bedding, textile fiber, renewable paper pulp, building or construction materials, a protein rich food for people and animals, phytocannabinoid extracts, and healthy oil for cooking, supplements, and for refining into many useful synthetic products. Hemp plastic is even being used in 3D printing!
- 2) Medical cannabis provides symptom relief and disease abatement for many disorders including but not limited to: multiple sclerosis (MS), Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS), AIDS, cancer, seizures, Alzheimer's/dementia, PTSD, fibromyalgia, chronic pain, nausea/wasting, muscle spasticity, depression, anxiety, sleeplessness and more.
- 3) There has never been a recorded event of cannabis toxicity ending someone's life, but states that have legalized medical cannabis have seen annual double digit percentage drops in both prescription opiate overdose deaths and successful suicides among the most at risk demographic as well as decreases in total traffic fatalities and alcohol related roadway deaths.
- 4) According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's study on drug and alcohol impaired driving, cannabis consumption did not statistically increase crash risk.
- 5) Wyoming's correctional system is short on funds for dealing with violent criminals in part due to the number of non-violent offenders in the system.
- 6) Multiple studies published in peer reviewed journals and the National Institute on Drug Abuse demonstrate that the passage of state medical cannabis laws have not increased rates of use among the youth.
- 7) Passage of medical marijuana laws has resulted in decreased Medicare Part D spending in those states saving \$165 million in 2013 alone.
- 8) In legal states prescriptions dropped for drugs used to treat depression, anxiety, nausea, pain, seizures, psychosis, sleep disorders and muscle spasticity.
- 9) WY NORML is working to encourage the agricultural, manufacturing, and economic development of hemp/cannabis as a valuable Wyoming resource.



- A University of Wyoming poll found that 81% of Wyoming residents support medical marijuana.
- The same study showed that 72% of Wyoming residents believe that possession of cannabis should not be punishable with time in jail.
- At last update 30 states, D.C., P.R., Canada, Mexico, and many nations around the globe have legalized medical cannabis, and not one has reversed its decision due to negative outcomes.



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Hi! Let us introduce you to Wyoming NORML. We are the state affiliate of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. Our goal is to see improvement of Wyoming's cannabis laws.  
Thank you for taking a look!

Right now Wyoming has some of the harshest anti-cannabis laws in the nation, and WY NORML has been successfully fighting to keep them from getting worse. We have worked with the legislature and grassroots supporters to move toward appropriate cannabis regulation while opposing those who seek to increase punishment for possession and use of this healing herb.

Currently, a super majority of Wyoming residents support medical cannabis access and decriminalization of possession.



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