

## WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

From August 2011 there will be new cannabis laws.

- These new laws mean police can give you a Cannabis Intervention Requirement (CIR) if you get caught for possessing or using small amounts of cannabis and/or possess smoking implements found to contain traces of cannabis.
- If you get caught for cannabis again you may be charged.
- If you get a CIR you need to ring 1800 722 362 to make an appointment and attend a Cannabis Intervention Session at a health or drug and alcohol service in your area within 28 days. If you do this you will not need to appear in court and no further action will be taken against you for the alleged offence and you will not receive a criminal conviction.
- If you don't book and attend your session within the 28 days you will be charged and you will need to go to court.
- This brochure shows you what you need to do if you are given a CIR.

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DAYS**

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**Cannabis Intervention Session Booking Service  
(7am-7pm, daily) – 1800 722 362**

### CIS APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

DATE ..... TIME .....

ADDRESS .....

**If you would like more information about cannabis or how to access support services in Western Australia, contact:**

### ALCOHOL AND DRUG INFORMATION SERVICE (ADIS)

- Free 24-hour, state-wide, confidential telephone service.
- Access to information about alcohol and other drugs confidentially and quickly.
- Talk to a professionally trained counsellor about alcohol and other drugs.
- Confidentially chat online to a qualified alcohol and other drug counsellor via *Live Chat*.
- Provides information, counselling and advice for people concerned about their own or another's alcohol or other drug use.
- Find out about other services.

**ADIS: (08) 9442 5000**

**Toll free (country callers only): 1800 198 024**

**E-mail: [adis@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:adis@health.wa.gov.au)**

**Live Chat: [www.dao.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.dao.health.wa.gov.au)**

### PARENT DRUG INFORMATION SERVICE (PDIS)

- Free alcohol and other drug information and support for parents and family members.
- Talk to a professionally trained counsellor about alcohol and other drugs.
- Talk confidentially to another parent for strategies and support.
- Find out where to go for further help.

**PDIS: (08) 9442 5050**

**Toll free (country callers only): 1800 653 203**

### DRUG AND ALCOHOL WEBSITE - [www.dao.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.dao.health.wa.gov.au)

- For information about the Drug and Alcohol Office.
- Access various publications on-line including reports, documents and general information about alcohol and other drugs.
- Access the Alcohol and Other Drug Services directory for Western Australia.

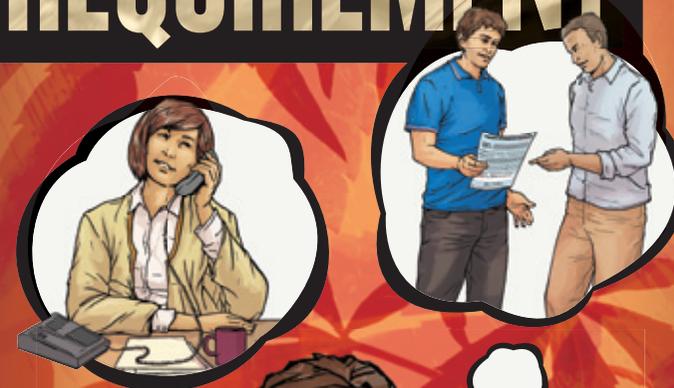


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# CANNABIS INTERVENTION REQUIREMENT



**What should I  
do if I get one?**



### STEP ONE: YOU ARE GIVEN A CANNABIS INTERVENTION REQUIREMENT BY POLICE

If police give you a Cannabis Intervention Requirement (CIR) **don't ignore it**. You must call and make an appointment and go to a Cannabis Intervention Session (CIS) within 28 days, so you don't get charged.



Phone:  
1800 722 362

### STEP TWO: BOOK YOUR CANNABIS INTERVENTION SESSION

It's important to call the Cannabis Intervention Session Booking Service on 1800 722 362 as soon as you can. They will help you book your CIS at a health or drug and alcohol agency in your local area. The booking service will give you an appointment and tell you where to go to complete your CIS.



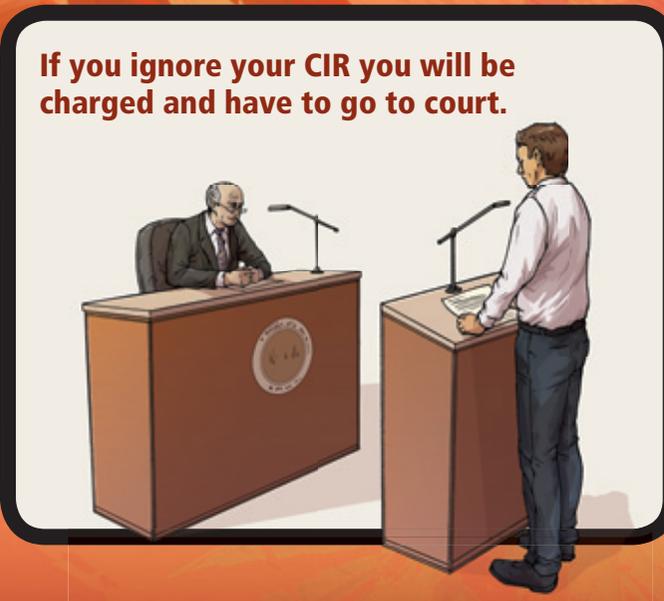
### STEP THREE: ATTEND YOUR CANNABIS INTERVENTION SESSION

A CIS takes about an hour. The health worker is there to support you. You can chat about cannabis, the law, your health and you can get help to make changes.



### STEP FOUR: COMPLETE YOUR CANNABIS INTERVENTION SESSION

At the end you will be given a certificate to show you have completed the CIS. You, or you and your family can go back to the service if you want to talk more.



**If you ignore your CIR you will be charged and have to go to court.**

**OR**