

**Don't run with scissors.  
Close your mouth when you chew.  
Fasten your seat belt.**

**Don't grow more than 25 marijuana  
plants on one parcel.**

**Common sense.**

**In 2008, several laws affecting medical marijuana were changed by the Mendocino County voters, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and the Courts.**

- X A qualified patient may possess eight ounces of processed marijuana and either six mature or twelve immature marijuana plants.** (Measure B)
- X Trespass grows, cultivation on public land, theft of water and growing techniques that cause environmental damage are always illegal.**
- X A qualified patient or caregiver may possess a greater amount if that amount is recommended by a physician and is consistent with a patient's medical needs.** (11362.77 Health & Safety Code)
- X A primary caregiver cannot possess any more marijuana than is allowed for his or her qualified patient.** (11362.77 Health & Safety Code)
- X If the only service you provide to a qualified patient is supplying marijuana, then you are not a primary caregiver. You are a drug dealer.** (Peo. vs. Mentch)
- X Consistent with Prop 215, the Board of Supervisors has declared that cultivation of more than twenty-five plants per parcel is a public nuisance therefore you cannot grow more than 25 marijuana plants on a single parcel of land. It doesn't matter whether the plants are grown indoors or outdoors, and it doesn't matter how many patients or caregivers use the parcel.** (County Ord. 9.31)
- X Marijuana grown outside must be fully enclosed by a fence at least six feet in height, with a lockable gate that is locked at all times when the patient or caregiver is not in the immediate area.** (County Ord. 9.31)
- X If any of your parcel boundaries are within 1,000 feet of a youth oriented facility, school or park, any school bus stop or any church, then you can't grow marijuana on that parcel. The distance is measured from the parcel boundary—not the garden.** (County Ord. 9.31)
- X The best way to prove you are a qualified patient or primary caregiver is to obtain a State issued medical marijuana identification card.** (11362.71 Health & Safety Code)

That's how the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office is approaching the enforcement of our State & County's medical marijuana laws. Legitimate medical marijuana users and their caregivers are looking for guidance; illegal growers and suppliers are looking for loopholes.

**Wherever you stand on medical marijuana, you deserve to know how the laws will be enforced in Mendocino County.**

This is just a summary of the laws and ordinances. To learn more, watch the "Medical Marijuana Guidelines" video at [www.UkiahValley.tv](http://www.UkiahValley.tv). A complete copy of the Sheriff's Office enforcement directive and the Attorney General's guidelines are also available at:

[www.mendocinosheriff.com](http://www.mendocinosheriff.com)

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