

# The Outhouse

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When you gotta go...

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Hey Bud! Let's hash out what's going on with Marijuana Legalization in New York. I'm going to be blunt here - you've probably heard New York has legalized recreational marijuana, but do you know what that means for you? It is going to take a joint effort by our campus community to respect and understand the laws and student conduct expectations you must abide by. Here's a word from **Erica Hoerz, Director of Student Conduct**:

**SUNY Cobleskill Students,**

As I am sure you have heard, Governor Cuomo recently signed the ***Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA)***, making New York the 16th state to legalize cannabis use. Here are a few things that you need to know as students of SUNY Cobleskill:

- *While this state law authorizing adult-use cannabis by those age 21 and older became effective immediately, SUNY remains bound by its federal requirements under the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act and the Drug Free Workplace Act.*
- *Pursuant to federal requirements and existing SUNY policy, the use, possession, cultivation, and sale of cannabis remain prohibited on SUNY campuses and subject to code of conduct or disciplinary actions. This prohibition covers all SUNY property in public or in dorms or offices, including university-owned and leased buildings, housing, and parking lots, and at all SUNY events or while conducting university business, except for approved academic research.*

## RISK FACTORS

Just because recreational marijuana has been legalized does not mean it is safe.

Here are some risks you should be aware of if you choose to use:

- Cognitive impairment, including delayed processing and lower academic performance (low GPA)
- Neurodevelopmental disruption (the brain develops through your mid-20s and use interferes with the proper development)
- False sense of acceptability and safety
- Development of Cannabis Use Disorder and dependence
- Increased risk of negative consequences if using marijuana and alcohol together

*If you or someone you know is struggling with dependence or addiction issues, help is available!*

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**The Wellness Center**

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Monday – Friday 8:00a.m. – 4:15p.m.

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UPD Anonymous Tip Line <https://secure2.cobleskill.edu/tipline>

National Suicide Prevention Crisis Hotline 1-800-273-8255

Mobile Crisis Assessment Team (MCAT) – 1-877-269-6699 or 1-844-732-6228 (24 hours a day/7 Days a week)

**If you have a concern about the care you received at the Wellness Center, contact Co-Director Lynn Ontl at 518-255-5225**



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