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# The Province Of Nova Scotia Cracks Down

## On The Sale Of Illegal Cannabis

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**USPA NEWS -** Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health said;
“Cannabis sold outside the regulated system can have serious health impacts. This is about more than enforcing laws; it’s about safeguarding health and the future of our communities, and especially youth. Stronger enforcement sends a clear message that we will not allow unregulated cannabis to put Nova Scotians at risk.”

Cannabis is legal in Canada, but its sale is restricted to a regulated framework. The Cannabis Control Act in Nova Scotia designates the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation as the exclusive authorized retailer of recreational cannabis, ensuring the safety of young people, product testing and traceability, and the exclusion of crime from the supply chain.

According to a recent provincial review, Nova Scotia is home to at least 118 illegal cannabis outlets, significantly outnumbering the 51 licensed NSLC cannabis stores. As these unauthorized dispensaries and their staff and products are not subject to regulatory oversight, training, or testing, they present considerable risks to public health and facilitate opportunities for organized crime, money laundering, and human trafficking.

Scott Armstrong, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, directed all police agencies in the province to intensify enforcement aimed at stopping illegal cannabis operations and report back on their activities.

Minister Armstrong said in a news release;
“Illegal dispensaries pose a real threat to consumers, to youth, and to the integrity of our regulated system. We have already taken steps to confront these risks, but the challenge is evolving, and so must our response. Protecting Nova Scotians means strengthening our efforts, advancing new measures, and shutting down this shadow market before it can cause more harm to public health and safety.”

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