

Welcome...

Berkeley Patients Group

...serving the Bay Area since 2000

Regular Hours...

Sun 12:00 to 6:00
 Mon 11:00 to 7:00
 Tues 11:00 to 7:00
 Wed 11:00 to 7:00
 Thurs 11:00 to 7:00
 Fri 11:00 to 7:00
 Sat 11:00 to 7:00

About the Berkeley Patients Group

Welcome to the Berkeley Patients Group (BPG)! The BPG is a medical cannabis association dedicated to the enhancement and well-being of our members. The BPG provides a community to help patients maintain the highest possible level of wellness and self-sufficiency. To meet this goal, we offer a wide range of medical and social services to registered members.

BPG is committed to preserving the dignity, well-being, and self-determination of the individual; and to service characterized by competence and integrity. The BPG does not discriminate in employment, membership, or provision of services based on race, gender, ethnicity, country of origin, sexual orientation, religion, age, or socio-economic status.



Our Political Mission

At the BPG, we are just as interested in protecting safe access as we are in providing it. That is why it matters where you get your medication.

The BPG is committed to protecting safe access for those qualified under California Health and Safety Code §11362.5 (Proposition 215). We have our roots in the ongoing effort to reform and implement medical cannabis laws at all levels of government. Educating our members, the community, and elected officials is a high priority.

By patronizing the BPG, you are also helping to support cannabis and medical cannabis law reform. A significant portion of our income goes to support our educational and political goals.

The BPG is glad to be a major donor for Americans for Safe Access (ASA) and other organizations that share our values. Look for more information in the front room. Our staff invites you to join them in volunteering for these important organizations.

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Americans for Safe Access (ASA)

(510) 486-8083

www.SafeAccessNow.org

Cannabis Action Network (CAN)

(510) 486-8083

www.CannabisAction.net

Musicians for Medical Marijuana

(510) 869-5391

www.m4mmj.org

California NORML

(415) 563-5858

www.canorml.org

Safe access...

On January 1, 2004, SB-420 became effective. This law provides for a state-issued medical cannabis ID card. Ask our staff for information about this new law.

Member Services

The BPG offers a wide range of free services to its members. We provide professional massage therapy. Licensed acupuncture therapists provide ongoing treatment. There is a weekly yoga class, quilting group, and a peer support group. We also provide complimentary coffee, tea, and refreshments at our hospitality bar. You may purchase espresso drinks, beverages, and snacks.

Our hemp store and gift shop offers unique merchandise and accessories, plus all of the ma-

ior cannabis-related magazines, grow guides, and legal reference material.

We have regularly scheduled educational and social events. Look for announcements about lectures, musical concerts, open mic nights, and other special events on weekends. Most of our events are planned and hosted by members. Please let us know if you would like to host an event.

You will find up to date schedules of services and events on the front desk.

Oakland CBC
(510) 832-5346
www.rxcbc.org

SF Health Department
101 Grove St., 1st Fl.
Bring ID & recommendation

Berkeley CBC
(510) 486-1025

County health departments will begin issuing medical cannabis ID cards in 2004. We will have information about how to get these cards as soon as it is available.

Membership Qualifications

The BPG operates in strict compliance with California Health and Safety Code §11362.5 and §11362.7. We serve only legally qualified patients and care givers. Under no circumstances whatsoever are services provided to persons who are not qualified under California law. You must become a registered member to obtain services.

There are two ways to join the BPG:

1. You may present a valid and unexpired medical cannabis ID card issued by the State or California or another approved organization along with state-issued ID. Your membership will be valid until your medical cannabis ID card expires.
2. If you do not have a medical cannabis ID card, you may present an original copy of your doctors recommendation for the use of medical cannabis along with state-issued ID. We will make a copy of your recommendation and re-

turn the original to you.

Your membership will pending until a BPG staff member verifies the validity of your recommendation (usually with 2-3 days). We will destroy our copy of your recommendation following verification. Your membership will be valid until the date on which your recommendation expires.

BPG patient members may designate a primary caregiver who may receive services on your behalf by completing a primary caregiver designation form. Please be advised that a primary caregiver is someone who has "consistently provided for the housing, safety, or welfare" of the patient (CAH&S §11362.5). Under no circumstances whatsoever may a primary caregiver obtain services for himself or herself unless he or she is also a legally qualified patient and registered as such at the BPG.

Your membership in the BPG may be terminated if your status as a qualified patient or primary caregiver under California law changes. This includes

the expiration of your medical cannabis ID card or doctors recommendation.

Your membership in the BPG will also be terminated in the event that you sell, barter, give away, or otherwise distribute medication to any other person unless you are a designated primary caregiver providing medication to the patient for whom you are registered as a caregiver.

Your membership may also be terminated for a serious breach of BPG rules or any activity that threatens the safety of the BPG or other patients.

Medical cannabis law in California is still evolving. The BPG may update its membership qualifications from time to time to comply with local and state regulations.

We are committed to protecting your personal information. We will never give you personal data to any other organization. For details about our privacy precautions, please ask the manager on duty.

Welcome to the BPG!

Building Guidelines

These guidelines are designed to facilitate a safe and enjoyable atmosphere. It is very important that we follow these guidelines so that we can continue to operate for years to come.

- You must be at least eighteen (18) years old and have state issued ID to enter the building. Parents or court-appointed legal guardians must act as care givers to obtain service on behalf of legally qualified patients who are younger than eighteen (18) years old.
- You must show your medical cannabis ID card or doctors recommendation to the security guard and receptionist when you enter the building and the

dispensary room.

- You may never sell or otherwise distribute medication you obtain at the BPG. You will be permanently excluded from membership if you do so.
- You should treat everyone in the building with respect. You may be asked to leave the property if you use offensive or abusive language or behavior.
- No cell phones in the building.
- Control your pets at all times. Clean up after them.
- Never consume cannabis in the parking lot or neighborhood.

- For your safety, place all medication and plants out of sight before leaving the building.
- We can not accommodate overnight parking.
- Absolutely no alcohol, hard drugs, or weapons are allowed in the building.
- Any member who commits or threatens an act of violence will be excluded from membership and may be subject to criminal prosecution.
- Be friendly to our neighbors!
- In the event of an emergency, please follow the instruction from the staff.

If you have a question or concern about our facility, please ask the staff!

Good Neighbors

The BPG shares this neighborhood with homes and business. We have worked hard to establish a positive relationship with our neighbors, the city, and the police department. The most likely cause for trouble in Berkeley is complaints by neighbors regarding our operations. Please be respectful of their rights, privacy, and property. Remember, not everyone shares our opinions about

medical cannabis!

You should be very careful not to park in driveways or in the neighbor's parking lot. On the rare occasions that our lot is full, there is legal public parking available on both sides of San Pablo Ave. We have promised our neighbors that there will be no loitering or nuisance behavior near our building. Help us keep this commitment by not

lingering in the parking lot or on the sidewalk. Always be careful and courteous when entering or exiting the parking lot.

These simple precautions will keep the BPG operating smoothly and without legal interference. This will ensure that we are here to serve you for years to come.

Legal Information

The BPG reserves the right to refuse service to anyone.

The BPG operates under the provisions of the California Health and Safety Code §11362.5 and §11362.7. However, some local jurisdictions may place additional restrictions on your rights as a medical cannabis patient. You must determine what your local guidelines are.

Cannabis will have variable effects when used by different people and under different circumstances. You must discuss indications and side effects with your doctor. The BPG can not offer medical advice and makes no claim as to the efficacy of medication obtained here. Please read the "Sensible Cannabis Use" guidelines in this brochure.

We are not qualified or equipped to handle medical emergencies. For medical emergencies, call 911.



...sensible use.

From California Health and Safety Code §11362.5 -

Proposition 215

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"The people of the State of California hereby find and declare that the purposes of the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 are as follows:

(A) To ensure that seriously ill Californians have the right to obtain and use marijuana for medical purposes where that medical use is deemed appropriate and has been recommended by a physician who has determined that the person's health would benefit from the use of marijuana in the treatment of cancer, anorexia, AIDS, chronic pain, spasticity, glaucoma, arthritis, migraine, or any other illness for which marijuana provides relief.

(B) To ensure that patients and their primary care-givers who obtain and use marijuana for medical purposes upon the recommendation of a physician are not subject to criminal prosecution or sanction.

What's Happening? Join our e-mail announcement list by sending an email with any subject line to WhatsHappening-On@BerkeleyPatientsGroup.listserv.us

Sensible Cannabis Use

Like any medicine, cannabis can be misused. Excessive or inappropriate use can contribute to problems including sleepiness, overeating, and time management issues. Due to the political climate surrounding cannabis use research, clinical studies have produced widely conflicting conclusions about the true benefits and potential side effects of cannabis use. Always listen to the advice of your doctor and use good judgment when using medical cannabis.

These guidelines help identify ways of using medical cannabis in a positive way.

1. Adults should use cannabis as part of a healthy, balanced, and responsible lifestyle.
2. The decision to use cannabis should

be made freely, and not as a result of social pressure.

3. Cannabis users should be well informed about its effects on themselves and others. These effects include both legal and health risks and personal consequences.
4. Never use cannabis as an excuse or a cue for antisocial or irresponsible behavior.
5. Cannabis users should model and reward responsible use, particularly with new users.
6. Use cannabis as part of positive social interactions, rather than primarily in isolation or as a remedy for negative feelings.
7. Develop sensible cannabis use limits for yourself based on personal,

health, situational, and cultural factors. It is important to be objective about your personal cannabis use and listen to the constructive advice of others.

8. Avoid cannabis use that puts you or others at risk, such as when driving, at work, or in public places. Remember, personal use of cannabis is illegal and penalties are stiff.
9. Use of cannabis by children is inappropriate and should be discouraged.
10. Cannabis use should contribute to, rather than detract from, user's health, well-being, creativity, work, relationships, and social obligations.

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