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Grenada Driving Laws and Safety Policy

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Objective

Our policy on driving laws and safety aims to protect public safety on the roads by implementing regulations to prevent impaired driving due to cannabis consumption. Drawing on best practices from other jurisdictions, we prioritize measures to deter driving under the influence of cannabis and promote responsible behaviors among motorists.

Policy Framework

Prohibition of Smoking and Driving

Enact legislation prohibiting the consumption of cannabis while operating a motor vehicle. This includes smoking, vaping, or ingesting cannabis products while driving or being in control of a vehicle.

Zero Tolerance for Impaired Driving

Establish a zero-tolerance policy for driving under the influence of cannabis. Implement strict penalties for motorists found to be impaired by cannabis, including fines, license suspensions, and participation in substance abuse education or treatment programs.

Standardized Field Sobriety Tests

Train law enforcement officers in standardized field sobriety testing techniques to detect impairment due to cannabis use. These tests may include assessments of balance, coordination, and cognitive function to identify drivers who may be under the influence of cannabis.

Drug Recognition Experts (DREs)

Deploy trained drug recognition experts (DREs) to conduct comprehensive evaluations of motorists suspected of impaired driving due to cannabis use. DREs are specially trained law enforcement officers with expertise in identifying drug impairment through observation and evaluation.

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Advanced Drug Testing Technologies

Invest in advanced drug testing technologies, such as oral fluid testing devices or roadside breathalyzers, to enable rapid and accurate detection of cannabis impairment in drivers. These technologies provide law enforcement officers with additional tools to assess impairment levels and enforce driving laws effectively.

Public Awareness Campaigns

Launch public awareness campaigns to educate motorists about the risks of driving under the influence of cannabis and the consequences of impaired driving. These campaigns will emphasize the importance of refraining from cannabis consumption before driving and encourage the use of alternative transportation options when impaired.

Vehicle Search and Seizure Policies

Implement vehicle search and seizure policies to deter motorists from transporting cannabis products in their vehicles unlawfully. This includes empowering law enforcement officers to conduct searches and seizures of vehicles suspected of containing cannabis in violation of driving laws.

Secure Storage Requirements

Require motorists to store cannabis products securely in their vehicles to prevent unauthorized access and minimize the risk of diversion or consumption while driving. Encourage drivers to keep cannabis products locked in the trunk or other inaccessible areas of the vehicle.

Collaboration with Stakeholders

Collaborate with government agencies, law enforcement agencies, advocacy groups, and community organizations to develop and implement effective strategies for enforcing driving laws and promoting road safety.

Conclusion

Our driving laws and safety policy prioritize the protection of public safety on the roads by implementing stringent regulations to prevent impaired driving due to cannabis consumption. By combining enforcement measures with public education initiatives and stakeholder collaboration, we aim to create safer roadways and reduce the incidence of cannabis-related accidents and fatalities in our communities.