

NORML

Working to Reform Marijuana Laws

In order for NORML Chapters to succeed in local and state marijuana law reform efforts, there's an incredible amount of time, energy and resources that are required. Here is a list of resources and other support items that NORML is currently offering to NORML chapters:

Organizational

[Chapter Starter Packet](#): This will serve as the number one resource for anyone who is interested in starting a NORML chapter.

[Draft Bylaws](#): Each state requires nonprofit organizations to provide bylaws as a part of the application process. To assist with this step, we've prepared a template that meets the requirements for incorporating nonprofit organizations.

[Banking Letter](#): Due to regulatory confusion NORML chapters are sometimes denied basic services such as access to a bank account. To address this issue, NORML's legal counsel prepared a letter that will help local organizations in securing access to banking services.

[Help Us Help You](#): A great repository of resources on how chapters can best work with National NORML staff and our partners.

Local/State Reform Efforts

[Action Alerts](#): Through a collaborative effort with local activists (you!), NORML staff tracks legislation and produces dozens of action alerts targeting state lawmakers across the country urging their support for marijuana legislation.

[Citizen Lobby Guide](#): A comprehensive guide that will assist with the planning and execution of a successful lobby day. Be fully prepared to advocate for meaningful marijuana law reforms.

[Emerging Clinical Applications for Cannabis and Cannabinoids](#): In addition to being a great advocacy tool, this book highlights the medical efficacy of medical marijuana through its various applications.

[Tips for Petition Circulators](#): Tips and best practices for gathering signatures for ballot initiative campaigns.

[Press Release Template](#): Basic layout for a press release when your organization organizes a lobby day or media event.

[Freedom cards](#) - NORML Freedom Card is a great tool that provides helpful tips for interacting with local law enforcement.

Good Resources

- [Principles Governing Responsible Cannabis Regulation](#)
- [Basic Talking Points on Personal Use](#)
- [Basic Talking Points on Decriminalization](#)
- [Basic Talking Points on Medical Marijuana](#)
- [Answers questions about the science of medical cannabis](#)
- [Responding to inquiries about cannabis and driving](#)
- [Is smoking cannabis as harmful as smoking tobacco?](#)
- [Why do patients prefer herbal cannabis over Marinol?](#)