







Adult Sharing vs. Illegal Exchanges: What's the Difference?

While "adult sharing" of marijuana between people 21 years or older is legal in Virginia, this term only applies to specific situations. Other exchanges may be illegal and can carry penalties. Common illegal exchanges are known as "gifting schemes."

	ADULT SHARING	ILLEGAL EXCHANGE
Privately transferring one ounce or less of cannabis between people 21 years or older without exchanging anything else of value. (Publicly sharing cannabis is illegal.)	 *	
Sharing cannabis seeds or starts between people 21 years or older without exchanging anything else of value for the purposes of home cultivation.	 **	
Selling or exchanging cannabis for money, goods, services, or anything else of value.		
"Gifting" cannabis to someone as part of the sale of another good or service, like a sticker or seminar.		
Advertising a "gift" of cannabis as part of an event, such as an outdoor farmers market or concert.		
Selling cannabis seeds or starts, even for private home cultivation.		

* It is legal to use marijuana in a private residence.

** Up to four marijuana plants can be grown at a primary private residence.

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