Cannabis and the law

Cannabis: More than just stoned

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Cannabis is illegal
It is illegal to buy, sell, grow or use cannabis anywhere in Australia
Sorry but you didn't get the job because you have a criminal record.
You could be fined, go to court, or get a criminal record if you grow, sell, buy or use cannabis.

If you have a criminal record it can be hard to get a job or travel overseas.
It is illegal to buy, sell, grow or use cannabis in Australia, but the penalties are different in each state and territory.
A criminal record can make it harder to get a job and travel to some places like the USA.

In some states and territories, a person caught with a small amount for the first time may get a warning or small fine. They may have to go to counselling. You could also get a large fine and/or criminal record.
This resource is part of a series that provides cannabis-related information in an easy-to-read format. You can order all the titles at no charge from our website.

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