

## Legal Moments

**Name: Ken Fraser    Topic: Rights of Parents Smoking or Using Marijuana around Children (Feb 2019)**

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Receptionist:            Cohen Highley

Announcer:              And now the Cohen Highley Legal Moment on Fresh Radio.

Announcer:              I'm here with Ken Fraser from the Family Law Department of Cohen Highley Lawyers. Now since marijuana is legal, what are the rights of a parent to smoke or actually use it around their children?

Ken Fraser:              Canada's recent legalization of marijuana isn't really going to change the rules with respect to children. Decisions are still going to be made in accordance with their best interests. The fact that marijuana is now legal will not be determinative of such issues. The court is still going to have to consider a number of factors, like the children's safety.

Announcer:              Just to be clear, what does that mean?

Ken Fraser:              Well, just like there is with alcohol, there are going to be circumstances and situations where some consumption or use is going to be okay. But there is also going to be situations where the amount consumed, how you consume it, or whether it's consumed near a child is going to make it unacceptable.

Announcer:              Thanks Ken. This has been the Cohen Highley Legal Moment.

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