

**CRIMINAL
RECORD**

Is your **dated criminal record** preventing you from...

- ✓ getting the job you want?
- ✓ enjoying your quality of life?
- ✓ Are you embarrassed about a criminal record?

You may have options.

Explore your eligibility today.

Contact our caseworkers for a detailed assessment and possible next steps.

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The John Howard Society of Manitoba is located on the original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.

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Record Suspension Program

The Record Suspension caseworkers here at the John Howard Society can help you. Please contact us for a more detailed assessment of your eligibility and possible next steps.

Can anyone with a criminal record obtain a Record Suspension?

No, the legislation has some limitations on eligibility. The restrictions are set out on the Parole Board of Canada website and we can help you with your review.

What is the cost?

There is no cost to you for the Record Suspension assistance provided by the John Howard Society of Manitoba.

If you are eligible to make an application, your costs will be for the acquiring of the required records.

There is also a \$50.00 fee charged by the Parole Board of Canada, due when the application is submitted.

Who decides if I get a Record Suspension?

The Parole Board of Canada is the decision maker. They make decisions based on the completed materials and records that are given to them.

When can I expect a decision?

The time needed to complete the application and receive a decision from the Parole Board of Canada varies depending on the convictions.

There are steps that must be taken before an application can be filed and a decision made by the Parole Board of Canada. It will take some time to obtain the records from police, courts, etc.

Once they receive the materials, the Parole Board will generally make their decision within 6 to 12 months of receiving the application.

What about a Cannabis record suspension?

Yes, you can apply. If your record is limited to a conviction for cannabis possession, you can apply **immediately** for a record suspension when your sentence is completed. (If you have outstanding fines or surcharges, you can still apply for a Record Suspension.)



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You can also apply if you are not a Canadian citizen or resident of Canada.

Our caseworkers can assist you in determining eligibility for applications related to the possession of cannabis.

How can we help?

We can help you with the process of obtaining a Record Suspension, beginning with your eligibility.

Once it is determined whether you are a possible candidate, we can further assist you throughout the application process.

Where do I start?

Contact our Record Suspension support caseworkers to learn more or explore your eligibility for a record suspension.

See contact info on the reverse page.



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