

White House: Ban on recreational pot to be enforced

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White House spokesman Sean Spicer said he expects the Justice Department to increase enforcement of laws prohibiting the recreational use of marijuana, a departure from the Obama administration's less aggressive stance as states began legalizing recreational as well as medical use of the drug.

"There are two distinct issues here: medical marijuana and recreational marijuana," Spicer told reporters Thursday. "There's still a federal law that we need to abide by when it comes to recreational marijuana and other drugs of that nature."

The Justice Department could decide to enforce federal law and shut down businesses in the medical and recreational cannabis industries even in states where they have been made legal.

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