



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT RETAIL MARIJUANA

Here's What is Good To Know About The Law:

### **How old do I have to be to purchase, possess or consume marijuana?**

You must be 21 years old to purchase, possess, or use retail marijuana or marijuana products. It is illegal to give or sell retail marijuana to minors.

### **Where can I purchase marijuana or other marijuana products?**

You can purchase retail marijuana and related products at licensed retailers approved by the Colorado Department of Revenue and the local municipality. You must present a valid ID proving you are 21 years old, so be prepared. According to the retail marijuana rules passed by the Department of Revenue, no one under the age of 21 is allowed in the restricted portion of a retail store, so you cannot bring minors along with you.

### **How much can I purchase from a marijuana retailer?**

Colorado residents 21 years and older can purchase as much as 1 ounce of retail marijuana at a time. Non-residents can purchase 1/4 ounce.

### **How much marijuana can I carry around with me?**

Adults ages 21 years and older can possess or carry as much as 1 ounce of retail marijuana at a time. But remember, you cannot use it in public, including while driving or riding in a passenger vehicle.

### **Can I use the product at a café or in a local park?**

Not in Colorado. The law bans public use of any retail marijuana product; including eating, drinking, vaping or smoking it anywhere the general public can go. This means it is illegal to use marijuana in amusement, sporting or music venues, parks, playgrounds, sidewalks, roads, marijuana retail businesses and outdoor and rooftop cafes, just to name a few. It's also good to keep in mind that retail marijuana use is illegal on federal land, which includes Colorado's ski resorts and national parks.

### **So where can I use marijuana?**

Private property is your best bet; but again, there could be issues here. Property owners are allowed to ban the use and possession of retail marijuana on their properties, so if you rent, you may not be able to use marijuana in your home. Also, if you live in federally subsidized housing, any marijuana use or possession charges may mean that you lose your federal housing benefits since retail marijuana use is still illegal federally.

### **Can I use while I am cruising around town in my private vehicle?**

Retail marijuana is regulated just like alcohol, so think of it like an open container law. Neither drivers nor passengers are allowed to open or use the product while in the car.

**Can I get a DUI for driving while stoned?**

Yes. Colorado passed a law in 2013 that makes it illegal to drive with more than 5 nanograms of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (the psychoactive THC) in your blood.

**What about marijuana possession for teens and young adults under age 21?**

Retail marijuana use and possession are illegal for anyone under the age of 21 in Colorado. Retail stores can lose their license for selling marijuana to anyone underage, and adults can be charged with a felony for giving retail marijuana products to someone underage. The minor can be charged as well, resulting in a fine, court-ordered education, loss of a drivers' license and potential loss of scholarships or financial aid.

**Can I grow my own product?**

Adults over age 21 can possess a total of six marijuana plants in an enclosed and locked space, as long as it is not displayed in public and not sold. Only three of the plants can be mature at any one time. If the home has residents under the age of 21, the grow area must be enclosed and locked in a separate space that the minors cannot access.

**Can I sell my own product?**

Adults over age 21 can give as much as an ounce of marijuana to another adult over age 21, but **cannot sell it**. This includes any product you grow yourself. Only licensed growers can sell their product.

**I plan on using edibles. What is the serving size?**

The stakeholder groups that met to inform the marijuana regulations agreed that a serving size is equal to 10 mg of THC. Marijuana-infused products vary in THC concentration, so be sure to pay attention to the total number of THC milligrams in your product. If you aren't sure how marijuana will affect you, ingest less than one serving and wait at least 90 minutes and up to four hours before eating/drinking more.

**Now that it is legal, can I still be drug tested at work?**

Despite legalization, employers can still test for marijuana and make employment decisions based on drug test results. Be sure you know your workplace policies before you use.

**Can I take marijuana out of state?**

No. It is illegal to leave Colorado with any marijuana products. Additionally, Denver International Airport has chosen to ban the possession, use, display and transfer (giving to another person) of all marijuana on its property.

**How should I store my marijuana?**

Avoid use of retail marijuana around children, in any form, for proper safety. Children may mistakenly get into edibles or marijuana-infused products because they may think they are eating regular food or candy. To avoid accidents, all marijuana-containing products should be clearly labeled, stored in a child-resistant container and kept in a locked cabinet.

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