

RETAIL MARIJUANA IN COLORADO

INFO FOR VISITORS

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Now that retail marijuana is legal in Colorado, we all have a few things to know.

LAWS OVERVIEW

BUYING OR SELLING MARIJUANA

Must be 21.

It is illegal for people under 21 to buy, have or use retail marijuana. It is a felony for adults to give, sell or share marijuana with anyone under 21.

Only buy from licensed retail stores.

From Colorado?

Colorado residents 21 years and older can buy up to one ounce of retail marijuana at a time.

From out-of-state?

Non-residents can buy up to 1/4 ounce of retail marijuana.

Do not sell it.

It is illegal to sell marijuana if you are not a licensed retailer.

USING OR HAVING MARIJUANA

No more than 1 ounce.

Adults age 21 and older may have up to 1 ounce of marijuana. Having more may result in legal charges or fines.

Illegal to use in public.

No matter how you use marijuana - smoked, eaten, or vaped- it is not allowed in public places.

This includes:

Outdoor spaces like national and local parks, ski resorts, concert venues and indoor areas like restaurants and bars.

Check hotel or vacation rental policies.

Many properties do not allow smoking of any kind in private rooms, hallways, patios or porches. Policies may be different, so check before you use.

GETTING AROUND COLORADO

Do not drive high.

It is illegal to drive under the influence of marijuana and you can get a DUI.

Do not use in a car.

It is illegal to use marijuana or have open packages in a car. Additionally, rental car companies may charge fees if the car smells like marijuana.

Keep it in Colorado.

It is illegal to take marijuana out of the state or to Denver International Airport. Dispose of unwanted marijuana before leaving the state.

Unwanted marijuana?

Trash unwanted marijuana where no one can see it, like in a large dumpster or sealed in an empty jar and thrown out. Do not leave leftover marijuana in hotel rooms or rental cars when you go home.

FOR MORE ON THE RETAIL MARIJUANA LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN COLORADO, VISIT Colorado.gov/Marijuana.

TIPS FOR SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE



DRIVING WHILE HIGH MAY DOUBLE YOUR RISK OF A CRASH.

Marijuana makes driving more dangerous because it slows your reaction time and makes it harder to tell distances.

Wait at least 6 hours after smoking or at least 8 hours after eating/drinking marijuana before driving, biking, skiing or doing other activities.



DO NOT MIX MARIJUANA AND ALCOHOL.

Using alcohol and marijuana at the same time is more dangerous than using either alone.



BE CAREFUL IF YOU TAKE MEDICATION.

There may be drug interactions between marijuana and your medication.



START SLOW.

A single 10 mg serving of THC is likely enough to hurt your ability to drive, bike or do other activities, especially for occasional users.

While you quickly feel the effects from smoked or vaped marijuana, edibles can take up to 4 hours to take full effect. Start with less than one serving and wait before using more.



STORE IT SAFELY.

Marijuana products can be confused for regular food or candy.

Store all marijuana products in a locked area. Make sure children cannot see or reach the locked area. Keep marijuana in the child-resistant packaging from the store.

Ask the marijuana retailer for more information if you are not sure about how to use a product safely and responsibly.

SOME PEOPLE SHOULD NOT USE MARIJUANA.

Pregnant or breastfeeding women should not use marijuana since it can harm their baby.

Young people should protect their growing brain by not using marijuana.

CONSIDER LONG-TERM EFFECTS.

Marijuana can hurt your memory, even a week after using.

HAVING A BAD TIME?

If you are worried that you or someone else used too much marijuana, call the poison control hotline as soon as possible. Calling is free and you will get help quickly: 1-800-222-1222. If symptoms seem bad, call 911 or go to an emergency room right away.

Calling for help in case of any drug or alcohol emergency can save lives. Colorado law protects people from some criminal charges, such as low level drug possession and use charges or minor in possession, if they call 911 or seek help for a medical emergency. Stay with the person and cooperate with police and emergency medical responders.



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