

RETAIL MARIJUANA IN COLORADO

LAWS AND RESPONSIBLE USE

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

LAWS OVERVIEW

BUYING | SELLING | GROWING

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.

Limits to buying.

Only buy retail marijuana from licensed retail stores. Colorado residents age 21 and older can buy and possess up to one ounce of marijuana at a time.

Limits to selling.

Only licensed retailers can sell their product. Adults over age 21 may give up to one ounce of marijuana to another adult 21 or older, but may not sell marijuana. This includes homegrown product.

Follow grow rules.

Coloradans may grow up to six marijuana plants per person in an enclosed, locked area. Check with your local laws before you grow – they may have stricter rules on growing.

CITY | COUNTY | ORGANIZATIONS

Check local marijuana laws and policies.

Cities, counties, schools, universities and employers may set their own rules and consequences. Check before you use.

Know workplace policies.

Even though it is legal here, your employer can still drug test for marijuana. Find out your work policies before you use.

Some hospitals drug test newborns.

If a baby tests positive for marijuana at birth, Colorado law requires hospitals notify child protective services.

USING | HAVING | TRANSPORTING

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 and 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, bars and common areas of apartment buildings is also illegal.

Keep it in Colorado.

It is illegal to take marijuana out of the state. You cannot bring marijuana to the Denver International Airport. Leaving Colorado with any marijuana product is against the law.

Do not drive high.

It is illegal to drive under the influence of marijuana and you can get a DUI. It is also illegal to have an open marijuana package inside a car if some of the product is gone and it seems like it was used in the car.

**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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