

# 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](http://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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