



Know Your Rights

Cannabis Legalization

On July 1, 2023, possession and use of small amounts of cannabis will be legal for individuals over the age of 21 years old.

Adults over the age of 21 can legally possess up to the following amounts:

- up to 1.5 ounces cannabis (flower) or
- up to 12 grams concentrated cannabis or
- cannabis products containing up to 750 milligrams of delta-9-TCH or
- up to 2 cannabis plants (plants are limited by RESIDENCE regardless of the number of adults who live in the household)

Civil Offense Possession Amounts:

Subject to a fine up to \$250

- More than 1.5 ounces, but less than 2.5 ounces cannabis
- More than 12 grams, but less than 20 grams concentrated cannabis
- Cannabis products containing more than 750 mg, but less than 1250 strength delta-9-THC

Possession in excess of “Civil Use” amounts

Subject to criminal misdemeanor

\$1,000 fine or 6 months jail

- More than 2.5 ounces cannabis
- More than 20 grams concentrated cannabis
- Cannabis products containing more than 1250 strength delta-9-THC



**You CANNOT sell
cannabis unless you
are a licensed cannabis
business.**

**You CAN Share a personal use
amount of cannabis with friends
over the age of 21 as
long as there is no cash or
remuneration exchanged.**

**You CAN purchase
cannabis even if you are
not a Maryland resident**

**You
CANNOT
drive
impaired by
cannabis**

**You
CANNOT
smoke
cannabis
in
public.**

**Drivers CANNOT
smoke in a vehicle on
any highway, including:
any roadway surfaces and
shoulders.
Even if the vehicle
is parked or stopped.**

**You CAN smoke inside your
home or residence with the
approval of the property
owner**

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