



Massachusetts Marijuana Laws and Penalties

Possession and Consumption

- In Massachusetts, non-medical use of marijuana is illegal for anyone under age 21. (M.G.L. c. 94G, § 7)
- A person 21 years of age or older shall not be arrested, prosecuted, penalized, or sanctioned for possessing, using, purchasing, processing or manufacturing 1 ounce or less of marijuana (or 5 grams of marijuana concentrate). (M.G.L. c. 94G, § 7)
- The use of marijuana shall not disqualify a person from any needed medical procedure or treatment, including organ and tissue transplants. (M.G.L. c. 94G, § 7)
- Any individual under the age of 21 who purchases or attempts to purchase marijuana or marijuana products, or who willfully misrepresents their age with the intent of purchasing marijuana, shall be punished by a civil penalty or not more than \$100 and shall complete a drug awareness program. (M.G.L. c. 94G, § 13)
- No person shall possess more than 1 ounce of marijuana or marijuana products within the persons place of residence unless the marijuana and marijuana products are secured by a lock. A person who violates this shall be punished by a civil penalty of not more than \$100 and forfeiture of the marijuana. (M.G.L. c. 94G, § 13)
- No person shall consume marijuana in a public place. A person who violates this shall be punished by a civil penalty of not more than \$100. (M.G.L. c. 94G, § 13)

Driving and Operating Machinery

- Driving is prohibited while under the influence of cannabis and machinery should not be operated after use. (M.G.L. c. 90, § 24)
- No person shall possess an open container of marijuana or marijuana products in the passenger area of any motor vehicle. A person who violates this shall be punished by a civil penalty of not more than \$500. (M.G.L. c. 94G, § 13)

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Distribution of Product

- Knowingly or intentionally supplying marijuana or marijuana products to a person less than 21 years of age shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$2,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year. (M.G.L. c. 94G, § 13)
- Registered qualifying patients may not distribute cannabis to any other individual. Patients must return unused, excess, or contaminated product to In Good Health, Inc. or any licensed RMD for disposal.

Cultivation and Processing

- No person shall cultivate or process marijuana plants if the plants are visible from a public place without the use of optical aids. A person who violates this shall be punished by a civil penalty of not more than \$300 and forfeiture of the marijuana. (M.G.L. c. 94G, § 13)
- No person shall cultivate or process marijuana plants outside of an area that is equipped with a lock or other security device. (M.G.L. c. 94G, § 13)

Medical Use

- A qualifying patient or personal caregiver shall not be subject to arrest or prosecution, or civil penalty, for medical use marijuana. (M.G.L. c. 94I, § 2)

For the full list of Medical and Adult Use cannabis regulations in Massachusetts please visit:

<http://mass-cannabis-control.com/the-laws/>

The official versions of the regulations are the printed versions which can be purchased at the State Bookstore at: www.sec.state.ma.us/spr/sprcat/catidx.htm

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