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## What you need to know: Using cannabis in the Evergreen State

*The facts about legal marijuana in Washington*

- ✦ Only adults 21 and older can purchase and possess marijuana.
- ✦ Marijuana can only be sold and purchased at state-licensed retail stores. A valid photo ID is required and no one younger than 21 is allowed on the retail premises. Retail marijuana stores only accept cash.
- ✦ Adults 21 and older can purchase up to one ounce of usable marijuana (harvested flowers or bud), 16 ounces of marijuana-infused edibles in solid form, 72 ounces in liquid form, and 7 grams of marijuana concentrates.
- ✦ Price will vary according to the quality and availability. Some strains are considered better than others. Most stores aim at \$10-\$12 per gram, although that price can go as high as \$25. There are 28 grams in one ounce, the amount that can be legally purchased at one time. Typically, that amount can cost \$300 and up.
- ✦ It is a felony for anyone but a licensed retailer to sell or provide marijuana to anyone else. Providing or selling marijuana to a minor younger than 18 is punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.
- ✦ It is illegal to consume marijuana in public view.
- ✦ It is illegal to drive under the influence of marijuana, and doing so may result in significant legal penalties.
- ✦ Taking marijuana outside the state of Washington may result in significant legal penalties.
- ✦ As with tobacco, smoking marijuana in any indoor location is subject to the restrictions in the Washington Smoking in Public Places law. The law prohibits smoking in public places or places of employment, and within 25 feet of entrances, exits, open windows and ventilation intakes. If you are a hotel guest and the hotel permits it, it is legal to consume marijuana in a private hotel room.
- ✦ Possession of marijuana is still illegal federally. This is also true at national parks. And if you are in navigable waters, the U.S. Coast Guard will enforce federal law. It is never OK to operate a boat while impaired by marijuana or any other drug.
- ✦ The law against marijuana use in public view applies to state parks, public hiking trails and ski resorts.

*Source: Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Control Board.*