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Missouri Marijuana Penalties

		Incarceration	Fine
Possession or Trafficking			
35 g or less	misdemeanor	1 year	\$1,000
35 g to 30 kg	felony	7 years	\$5,000
30 to 100 kg (trafficking)	felony	5 - 15 years	\$5,000 - \$20,000
100 kg or more (trafficking)	felony	10 years - life	\$5,000 - \$20,000
Sale or Cultivation			
5 g or less	felony	7 years	\$5,000
5 g to 30 kg	felony	5 - 15 years	\$5,000 - \$20,000
30 to 100 kg	felony	10 years - life	\$5,000 - \$20,000
100 kg or more	felony	10 years - life*	\$5,000 - \$20,000
Sale to a minor	felony	5 - 15 years additional	\$5,000 - \$20,000
Sale within 2,000 feet of school or 1,000 feet of public housing	felony	10 years - life	\$5,000 - \$20,000
*No probation or parole.			
Miscellaneous (paraphernalia, license suspensions, drug tax stamps, etc...)			
Paraphernalia possession	misdemeanor	1 year	\$1,000
Paraphernalia sale	felony	5 years	\$5,000
Details			
<p>Possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine up to \$1,000. Possession of greater than 35 grams is a felony and is punishable by up to seven years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Possession of greater than 30 kilograms is considered trafficking and the penalty is 5 - 15 years in prison. Possession of 100 kilograms or more carries a penalty of 10 years - life in prison.</p> <p>Sale or manufacture of 5 grams or less of marijuana is a felony, punishable by up to seven years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Sale of greater than 5 grams carries a penalty of 5 - 15 years in prison. Sale of greater than 30 kilograms is punishable by 10 years - life in prison and sale of 100 kilograms or more is punishable by 10 years - life in prison with no probation or parole.</p> <p>Any sale to a minor increases the penalties by 5 - 15 years in prison. Any sale within 2,000 feet of a school or within 1,000 feet of a public housing project increases the penalties to 10 years - life in prison.</p> <p>The possession of paraphernalia is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. The sale of paraphernalia is punishable by up to 5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.</p> <p>Senate Bills 5 and 21 altered the state's forfeiture laws. Most notably, they require that law enforcement report</p>			

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all seizures to the prosecuting attorney or the Attorney General, who must then make an annual report of the activity to the department of Public Safety and the State Auditor. In addition, no property may be transferred to a federal agency without judicial approval, and any agency making a seizure must file an annual audit with the state auditor's office. Failure to comply, is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.

Also see Federal Laws http://norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=4575

About this Report

NORML's State Guide to Marijuana Penalties outlines most penalties for prohibited marijuana conduct in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and under federal law. To view the list of prohibited conduct and penalties, click the map icon to the left to find your jurisdiction.

Marijuana laws and penalties change rapidly and are enforced and interpreted differently even in the same legal jurisdiction. Please consult a criminal defense lawyer if you have been busted or if you want to know how a particular conduct might be punished. If you spot an error or have information that should be included in NORML's State Guide to Marijuana Penalties, please inform the NORML Foundation (foundation@norml.org).

Please note:

- The guide does not list penalties for every marijuana offense nor every enhanced sentence such as possessing marijuana near a school, involving a minor, and automatic driver's or professional license suspension. Your state may require an enhanced sentence even if the enhancement is not in the guide.
- Unless otherwise specified, please assume that listed penalties apply only to first convictions. Prior convictions often place a defendant in a higher penalty range, and convictions while on probation for a previous offense may result in revocation of probation.
- Except where indicated otherwise, a listed fine is the maximum fine for the conviction and the minimum fine is zero.
- "Possession" usually means "possessing marijuana only for personal use". If the government accuses you of possessing marijuana for other reasons, the accompanying penalties will probably exceed those for possessing marijuana for personal use. Possessing large amounts of marijuana frequently results in more serious charges of "possession with intent to distribute", "trafficking", and/or "sale".
- Many factors contribute to a defendant's sentence. Factors include level of involvement in the prohibited conduct, location, age, presence or absence of minors, use or presence of weapons, conduct for which a person has been acquitted, and many other things.
- If you are in trouble, please know your rights and hire an attorney.

Warning: The information contained in this report is for informational purposes only. Individuals are encouraged to confirm their state's laws before engaging in any particular behavior, or before going to court without a lawyer. MAKE A DIFFERENCE: VOTE. JOIN NORML. <https://secure.norml.org/join/>

Metric units to United States units of measurements:

One ounce (oz.) = 28.35 grams
One pound (lb.) = 16 ounces = 453.59 grams
One kilogram (kg.) = 1,000 grams (g) = 2.2 pounds (lbs.)