


Puerto Rico Marijuana Penalties

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		Incarceration	Fine
Possession			
Any amount (first offense)	felony	3 years*	\$5,000
Any amount (subsequent offense)	felony	6 years	\$5,000
*Possible probation for first offense with dismissal upon completion of probation.			
Sale or Cultivation			
Any amount	felony	12 years	\$20,000
Sale to a minor, or within 100 meters of a school or recreation facility	felony	double penalty	double penalty
Miscellaneous (paraphernalia, license suspensions, drug tax stamps, etc...)			
Paraphernalia possession	felony	3 years	\$3,000
Paraphernalia sale	felony	3 years	\$30,000
Details			
Possession of marijuana is a felony punishable by three years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000 for the first offense. The penalty for a second or subsequent offense increases to six years in prison. First offenders are eligible for probation without a verdict, and upon successful completion of the probation, the charges may be dismissed.			
Manufacture, delivery or sale of marijuana is punishable by up to 12 years in prison and a fine of up to \$20,000. Any distribution to minors or distribution within 100 meters of a school or recreation facility increases the possible penalties to twice the amount.			
Possession of paraphernalia is punishable by three years in prison and a fine up to \$3,000 and sale of paraphernalia is also punished by three years in prison, but the possible fine increases to \$30,000.			

 **Conditional release:** The state allows conditional release or alternative or diversion sentencing for people facing their first prosecutions. Usually, conditional release lets a person opt for probation rather than trial. After successfully completing probation, the individual's criminal record does not reflect the charge.

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).

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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.

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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.)