

Tennessee Marijuana Penalties

■ tax stamps

		Incarceration	Fine
Possession			
Any Amount	misdemeanor	1 year	\$2,500
First convictions for any misdemeanor has a mandatory minimum fine of \$250. Second convictions \$500, and subsequent convictions, \$1,000.			
Cultivation			
10 plants or less (weighing between 1/2 oz to 10 lbs)	felony	1 - 6 years	\$5,000
10 - 19 plants	felony	2 - 12 years	\$50,000
20 - 99 plants	felony	3 - 15 years	\$100,000
100 - 499 plants	felony	8 - 30 years	\$200,000
500 plants or more	felony	15 - 60 years	\$500,000
First convictions of any felony has a mandatory minimum fine of \$2,000. Second convictions \$3,000, and subsequent convictions \$5,000.			
Sale (1/2 oz or less see possession)			
1/2 oz to 10 lbs	felony	1 - 6 years	\$5,000
10 to 70 lbs	felony	2 - 12 years	\$5,000
70 to 300 lbs	felony	8 - 30 years	\$200,000
300 lbs or more	felony	15 - 60 years	\$500,000
To a minor within 1,000 feet of a school	felony	increased penalty	increased penalty
First convictions of any felony has a mandatory minimum fine of \$2,000. Second convictions \$3,000, and subsequent convictions \$5,000.			
Miscellaneous (paraphernalia, license suspensions, drug tax stamps, etc...)			
Paraphernalia possession	misdemeanor	1 year	\$2,500
Paraphernalia sale	felony	1 - 6 years	\$3,000
Details			
Possession, delivery or sale of one-half ounce or less is punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine up to \$2,500.			
For delivery or sale of amounts over one-half ounce the penalty increases to 1 - 6 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000. Delivery or sale of 10 pounds or more is punishable by 2 - 12 years in prison and a fine up to \$5,000. For amounts of 70 pounds or more, the penalty increases to 8 - 30 years in prison and a fine up to \$200,000. Delivery or sale of 300 pounds or more carries a penalty of 15 - 60 years in prison and a fine up to \$500,000.			
Any sale to a minor or any sale within 1,000 feet of a school increases the penalty classification one level.			
Cultivation of 10 - 19 plants is punishable by 2 - 12 years in prison and a fine up to \$50,000. For cultivation of			


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20 - 99 plants, the penalty increases to 3 - 15 years in prison and a fine up to \$100,000. For 100 - 499 plants the penalty increases to 8 - 30 years in prison and a fine up to \$200,000. Cultivation of 500 or more plants is punishable by 15 - 60 years in prison and a fine up to \$500,000.

For all first convictions for misdemeanor drug offenses there is a mandatory minimum fine of \$250. For second convictions the mandatory minimum increases to \$500 and for subsequent convictions, it increases to \$1,000. For all first convictions of felony drug offenses there is a mandatory minimum fine of \$2,000, increasing to \$3,000 for second convictions and to \$5,000 for any subsequent convictions.

The use or possession of paraphernalia is punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine up to \$2,500. Sale of paraphernalia carries a penalty of 1 - 6 years in prison and a fine up to \$3,000.

 **Marijuana tax stamps:** This state has a marijuana tax stamp law enacted. This law mandates that those who possess marijuana are legally required to purchase and affix state-issued stamps onto his or her contraband. Failure to do so may result in a fine and/or criminal sanction. For more information, see NORML's report Marijuana Tax Stamp Laws And Penalties. http://www.norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=6670

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.

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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.)