

Vermont Marijuana Penalties

 conditional  medical  hemp


		Incarceration	Fine
Possession			
Less than 2 oz (first offense)*	misdemeanor	6 months	\$500
Less than 2 oz (second offense)	misdemeanor	2 years	\$2,000
2 oz to 1 lb	felony	3 years	\$10,000
1 to 10 lbs	felony	5 years	\$100,000
10 lbs or more	felony	15 years	\$500,000
*Possible deferred sentencing for first offenders.			
Cultivation			
3 to 10 plants	felony	3 years	\$10,000
11 to 25 plants	felony	5 years	\$100,000
More than 25 plants	felony	15 years	\$500,000
Sale			
Less than 1/2 oz	misdemeanor	2 years	\$10,000
1/2 oz to 1 lb	felony	5 years	\$100,000
1 lb or more	felony	15 years	\$500,000
Delivery to a minor at least 3 years younger by seller over age 18	felony	5 years	\$25,000
To a minor or on school grounds or on a school bus	felony	additional 10 years	
Miscellaneous (paraphernalia, license suspensions, drug tax stamps, etc...)			
Paraphernalia sale	misdemeanor	1 year	\$1,000
Details			
<p>Possession of less than two ounces of marijuana is punishable by up to six months in jail and a fine up to \$500 for the first offense. For a second offense the penalty increases to a possible two years in prison and a fine up to \$2,000. There is a possibility of deferred sentencing for first offenders. For possession of two ounces or more, the penalty is up to three years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000. Possession of one pound or more is punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine up to \$100,000. Possession of ten pounds or more carries a penalty of up to 15 years in prison and a fine up to \$500,000.</p> <p>Cultivation of greater than three plants is punishable by up to three years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000. For greater than 10 plants, the penalties increase to a possible five years in prison and a fine up to \$100,000. Cultivation of greater than 25 plants carries a penalty up to 15 years in prison and a fine up to \$500,000.</p> <p>Sale or delivery of less than one-half ounce of marijuana is punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000. For amounts of one-half ounce or more, the penalties increase to a possible five years in prison and a fine up to \$100,000. Sale or delivery of one pound or more carries a penalty of up to 15 years in jail and a fine up to \$500,000.</p> <p>Anyone over 18 who delivers marijuana to a minor who is at least three years his junior faces an additional penalty of up to five years in prison and a fine up to \$25,000. Any sale of marijuana to a minor or any sale on</p>			


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school grounds or on a school bus carries an additional sentence of up to ten years in prison.

Sale of paraphernalia is punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

 **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.

 **Medical marijuana:** This state has medical marijuana laws enacted. Modern research suggests that cannabis is a valuable aid in the treatment of a wide range of clinical applications. These include pain relief, nausea, spasticity, glaucoma, and movement disorders. Marijuana is also a powerful appetite stimulant and emerging research suggests that marijuana's medicinal properties may protect the body against some types of malignant tumors, and are neuroprotective. For more information see NORML's Medical Marijuana section. http://norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=3376

 **Hemp:** This state has an active hemp industry or has authorized research. Hemp is a distinct variety of the plant species *cannabis sativa L.* that contains minimal (less than 1%) amounts of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the primary psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. Various parts of the plant can be utilized in the making of textiles, paper, paints, clothing, plastics, cosmetics, foodstuffs, insulation, animal feed, and other products. For more information see NORML's Industrial Use section. http://norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=3377

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

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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.)