

# Marijuana in Ohio



## Be Prepared For How Marijuana Can Affect You

House Bill 523 legalizes medical marijuana in the state of Ohio. People with certain qualifying medical conditions will be allowed to purchase and use medical marijuana if recommended by a certified licensed physician in the State of Ohio.

### The Facts

-  The concentration of THC, the chemical in marijuana that makes you feel "high", has risen from about 4% in the 1980's up to 35% in 2018. Marijuana that is high in THC carries a greater risk of psychiatric problems, psychosis, addiction, and memory impairment.
-  Marijuana is not regulated by the U.S. FDA and therefore THC content is not consistently verified. There also is no safety or efficacy data about marijuana for medical use.
-  Chronic users can develop memory and learning difficulties that continues after the drug has worn off.
-  As the brain continues to develop into the mid-20's, marijuana use is harmful to youth brain development.
-  Young children may confuse marijuana by-products such as baked goods or candy for regular foods and candies.
-  Marijuana use is not safe to use during pregnancy or while breastfeeding. The THC passes through from the mother to the baby.
-  The use of alcohol along with marijuana creates a greater impairment than using either drug alone.
-  Marijuana can effect the psycho-motor skills necessary for safe driving. This puts the driver, as well as the other drivers and pedestrians at risk.
-  Marijuana edibles such as baked goods and candies take longer to digest and produce an effect. Therefore, people may consume larger doses resulting in a negative impact.

Legal does not mean **safe**

Understand the **risks**

# Establishing Awareness

## What to know about Medical Marijuana in Ohio

Only individuals **over 18** will be able to purchase marijuana recommended for a specific list of health issues. This **physician recommendation is different** than a traditional prescription for medication.



### Physicians

Physicians may only recommend medical marijuana only after taking a course offered by the Ohio State Medical Board



### Medical Marijuana Card

Only people who have a physician medical marijuana recommendation will receive a card. Cards must be presented when purchasing marijuana



### Dispensaries

Medical marijuana will not be sold in pharmacies. Up to 60 dispensaries will be approved to sell medical marijuana and supplies for ingestion



### Plant Matter

Smoking medical marijuana will remain illegal. A patient will only be permitted to vaporize the plant material. THC content in plant matter is capped at 35%



### Edibles

Edibles containing THC will be sold in Ohio. Brownies, candies and other forms cannot be made appealing to children. THC content in edibles is capped at 70%



### Oils and Tinctures

Medical marijuana will be available as oils and tinctures. These may include patches, creams, oil for vaporization, and capsules. THC content is capped at 70%

### Qualifying Medical Conditions in Ohio

Certified physicians may recommend medical marijuana for the treatment of the following conditions:

- AIDS
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Cancer
- Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy
- Chronic, Severe, or Intractable Pain
- Crohn's Disease
- Epilepsy or Another Seizure Disorder
- Fibromyalgia
- Glaucoma
- Hepatitis C
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Parkinson's Disease
- Positive Status of HIV
- Post-traumatic Stress Disorder
- Sickle-cell Anemia
- Spinal Cord Disease or Injury
- Tourette's Syndrome
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Ulcerative Colitis



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