



## Players

**IT'S ILLEGAL TO POSSESS  
IT'S ILLEGAL TO USE  
IT'S ILLEGAL TO DISTRIBUTE  
IT'S NOT WORTH IT - BE SMART!**

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Facts from the Colorado Government Web Portal:

**What is the penalty for someone under the age of 21 who is caught possessing or consuming marijuana?**

- **Answer** - Penalties can range from a fine to a possible jail or prison sentence. Additionally, K-12 schools, universities and school districts may have disciplinary and expulsion policies for students caught with retail marijuana on school property. In Denver, those 18-21 caught possessing marijuana will face a civil penalty and not a criminal citation.

**Can I legally give or sell marijuana to someone under the age of 21?**

- **Answer** - No. You must be 21 and older to have or use retail marijuana. It is illegal to give or sell retail marijuana to minors.

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**How do I know if someone has been smoking marijuana?**

Signs and symptoms of marijuana use can be different for everyone. Some common signs include:

- Rapid Heart Rate
- Dry Mouth
- Slow Reaction Time
- Increased Blood Pressure
- Increased Appetite (Munchies)
- Red Eyes
- Poor Coordination

These effects are reduced after three or four hours. However, marijuana stays in your system for as long as a month after smoking.

**Is marijuana addictive?**

One in six people who engage in marijuana use as a teen will develop an addiction to marijuana.

**Are synthetic marijuana substances the same as marijuana?**

No. Synthetic marijuana is not a natural product. Chemicals that are often sprayed on synthetic marijuana can cause a stronger high in users when smoked, and may also cause anxiety attacks, hallucinations, kidney failure and seizures.

**Is it safe to drive if I have been smoking?**

Marijuana use increases the risk of car crashes. It is illegal to drive under the influence of marijuana and it can result in a DUI, just like alcohol.

**Can someone die from marijuana use?**

No recorded cases of overdose deaths from marijuana have been found. However, marijuana use can cause accidents and medical problems that lead to death.

*SOURCES:*

Denver Public Health

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

National Institute on Drug Abuse

City of Denver

**COLORADO SOCCER ASSOCIATION'S MARIJUANA POSITION**

Colorado's Risk Management has adopted the position that the State Association's KIDSAFE Policy pertaining to alcohol and drug convictions is still in effect. Specifically, any member with a legally documented history of record that would bring an unnecessary risk to the health and safety of program participants can be denied participation (parents, spectators and players are included). Also persons, either paid or volunteer, that holds a position as a Coach (recreational or advanced), program administrators, Club Staff and Club Board of Directors fall under this policy.

**DENIAL OF PARTICIPATION IS POSSIBLE**

**Adults:**

- Legally documented history of possession or use of marijuana outside current limits established by law (it is illegal to use marijuana in public, including soccer matches, practices and tournaments)
- There will be no "purgings" of previous convictions

**Players:**

- Legally documented history of possession and/or use
- Distribution to others, youth or adults

- Follow K-12 expulsion policies established by schools

**BE SMART - PLAY SMART - BE DRUG FREE!**