



"But everyone else is using marijuana!"

Think so? In a 2018 anonymous survey of Lee County youth, 9 in 10 said they had *not* used marijuana in the past 30 days.

Source: 2018 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Remember, any amount of concentrated marijuana found in your possession in Florida is a felony crime (*unless you have a doctor's recommendation*).

THINK TWICE ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES.



For information about the effects of marijuana use on the teenage brain go to teensdrugabuse.gov/drug-fact/marijuana.



Live Resin Marijuana Extract

Source: U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

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Know the Law

Marijuana Concentrates



Information for youth
on marijuana laws in Florida

You probably know that marijuana is legal in some other states, so you may wonder, "What's the big deal about using marijuana in Florida?"

It is still illegal to possess marijuana in Florida unless it is being used for specified medical purposes **and** with a doctor's recommendation. Possession of marijuana in small amounts (not more than 20 grams) is a misdemeanor crime. Possession of 20 grams or more of marijuana increases to a felony charge.

WHAT SHOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT MARIJUANA CONCENTRATES?

A marijuana concentrate is a highly potent THC (Tetrahydrocannabinol) concentrated substance that looks like honey or butter. This form of marijuana can be up to four times stronger in THC content than high grade marijuana. Street names can vary from place to place, but some are dab, wax, ear wax, honey oil, budder, butane honey oil (BHO), and shatter. Smoking it is the most popular form of ingestion by using water pipes or oil pipes. Use of e-cigarettes or vaporizers to ingest marijuana concentrates is often favored because it is smokeless, odorless, and is easy to hide. Marijuana concentrates are also used by infusing them in foods or drinks.

WHAT IS THE LAW IN FLORIDA ON POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA CONCENTRATES?

If you possess any form of marijuana concentrate *in any amount* you can be charged for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. ***It is a felony charge.***

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF BEING ARRESTED FOR A FELONY DRUG CHARGE?

Even if you are not prosecuted or not found guilty:

- ◆ In Lee County you will be taken in handcuffs to the Juvenile Booking Facility where you will have your photo taken, be fingerprinted, and have a sample of your DNA taken. Your fingerprints will be sent to the State and FBI databases.
- ◆ Your school will be notified of your felony arrest, even if the arrest did not happen at school. You may also have consequences at your school.
- ◆ You may face media exposure because your arrest record will be open to the public if you are arrested for a felony crime.
- ◆ You will not be able to seal or expunge your arrest record in the FBI or in private databases.
- ◆ You may have to explain your arrest record on some job applications, even when you become an adult.

If you are found delinquent (guilty) of a felony drug charge (or plead no contest) you:

- ◆ May be placed under the supervision of juvenile probation which may include a strict curfew, required school attendance, random drug testing, substance abuse treatment, and community service hours.
- ◆ May have your driver's license suspended.
- ◆ May not be able to serve in the military.
- ◆ May not be able to become a law enforcement officer, teacher, or nurse and may be excluded from many other jobs that require a background check.
- ◆ May not be able to receive certain scholarships or gain entrance into some colleges.
- ◆ May be excluded from renting some apartments or housing that requires a background check.
- ◆ May have to take time off from work to complete a drug treatment program, attend court, and other requirements to complete your case.
- ◆ May have expensive legal fees to pay plus fees for a drug treatment program.