

Cannabis and Driving

Where is Cannabis Legal?

In Michigan, cannabis (also called marijuana) is legal for both recreational and medical use. It is legal to use cannabis in a private place, such as your home, if you are over the age of 21 or have a medical card.

Where is Cannabis NOT Legal?

It is **NOT** legal to use cannabis:

- In public places;
- In areas frequented by children, such as schools or school buses;
- In areas that fall under federal law, rather than state law, such as airports or government buildings; or
- While driving a motor vehicle* or being a passenger in a motor vehicle when driving on a public way.



Note: this includes cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, aircraft, snowmobiles, off-road recreational vehicles, and motorboats.

Impact of Cannabis on Driving

Cannabis affects areas of the brain that control movement, balance, coordination, memory, and judgment. As a result, cannabis impairs important driving-related skills, like reaction time, tracking ability, and attention.

Cannabis can affect people differently. There is no way to accurately know how much cannabis is in your system after use. **No level of cannabis is safe for driving.**

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Drive High, Get a DUI

The penalties for driving with **any amount of cannabis in your system** in Michigan are the same as those for driving under the influence of alcohol. The only exception is an individual who has a valid medical marijuana card and is driving with marijuana in their system. In order to penalize them, under the law, an officer must show they are impaired due to that marijuana.

Penalties for driving under the influence include:

- Up to a \$500 fine
- Up to 93 days in jail
- License suspension
- 6 points on a person's driver's license.

If a driver has minors in the vehicle, there are heightened penalties.

Police look for cannabis impairment based on driving behavior, officer's observations, and sobriety tests, and may request a chemical test.

Learn more about MI's law: bit.ly/47etaSN

What Can You Do?



If you consume cannabis, don't drive.

If you plan to drive, don't consume cannabis. To avoid a DUI and the penalties that come with a DUI arrest:

- Designate a sober driver before drinking alcohol or using cannabis
- Call a friend, cab, ride service, walk, or take the bus
- Stay overnight