

## Medical Marijuana Rules and Regulations in Colorado

There are many things to keep in mind as a patient moves forward in his or her treatment use of Medical Marijuana. This page should be used as a reference before consulting an attorney. At which point, a patient should consult a Colorado attorney that is knowledgeable in the area of medical marijuana and other drug offenses, has experience in the area both in prosecution and defense as well as understanding the inner-workings of the District Attorney's Office.

Potential patients must have a doctor's recommendation in order to apply for a **Colorado Medical Marijuana Registry Identification Card**.

Upon successful registry with the State of Colorado, a patient, by state law, can possess up to (2) ounces of usable marijuana. Those same patients can cultivate up to (6) marijuana plants with no more than (3) plants being mature, flowering plants that produce a usable form of marijuana.

Although your registration with the State of Colorado is a legal binding document in the State of Colorado, it is *not*, however, an accredited document on a federal level. **There are possibilities that may lead to federal prosecution regardless of state and local laws on medical Marijuana.**

Every patient must be in the privacy of house and home and out of site of the general public, including paraphernalia. No patient is permitted to partake in medical marijuana while driving or in any other arena outside of his or her private dwelling.

If police confronts a legal patient in the State of Colorado regarding this topic, please be advised of a few things:

- Remain clam
- Be courteous and provide your identification
- Politely refuse to answer any further questions under your Fifth Amendment right to remain silent.
- Politely invoke your Sixth Amendment rights to consult an attorney of your choice. No questions without an attorney present.
- Politely invoke your Fourth Amendment rights to remain free from unreasonable search and seizure. Politely ask if you are under arrest or being detained for any reason. If the officer answer is no, then politely ask to leave.
- If further persistence occurs, be advised and advise the officer that any statement made, or alleged consent offered, is hereby made under protest and under duress and in submission to the officer's claim of lawful authority, is forced to provide the officer with information.

**Remember that any information can and will be used against you in a court of law.**

Also, be advised that in the State of Colorado, a patient or caregiver possessing a Medical Marijuana Registry Identification Card is exempt from criminal prosecution if and only if he or she remains within the limits for quantity of marijuana as stated in Colorado's **Amendment 20**.

If you have been charged with a felony or misdemeanor marijuana and/or other drug charge, you should speak to an experienced drug defense or criminal defense attorney as soon as possible. Remember that the prosecution is already preparing their case against you, don't take on the system alone!