Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

FAQs on Marijuana - Public Safety/Criminal

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Note: The WSLCB is a licensing and regulatory agency and does not handle criminal prosecutions

What is the WSLCB doing to ensure public safety, especially preventing access by minors? Public safety is central to the WSLCB mission. As expected by the voters, the rules we created include minimums for security, preventing minors' access to marijuana and other provisions. Educating retailers and preventing minors access to marijuana is an important part of our enforcement work today.

What is the DUI provision?

The initiative sets a per se DUI limit of "delta-9" THC levels at greater than or equal to 5 nanograms per milliliter of blood (5 ng/mL). State and local law enforcement agencies are tasked with enforcing the DUI limit.

Can I still be drug tested now that marijuana is legal

The law does not address the topic of drug testing but it is our understanding that employers may still conduct drug testing at their discretion. Since marijuana is illegal under federal law institutions that receive federal funds will still be subject to mandated testing. Organizations such as the NFL and NBA have issued statements that marijuana consumption is a violation of their conduct policy and they intend to continue testing for it.

The initiative says I cannot consume marijuana in public. What is the definition of "in public?"

The law states that it is unlawful to open/consume a package of marijuana or marijuana infused product in view of the general public.

Can marijuana purchased legally in Washington be transported to other states? No. Marijuana and marijuana products are to be consumed in Washington State.