

To all foreigners staying in Japan

About the Penalties for Drug Offenses in Japan

Drugs, including cannabis, are strictly regulated in Japan

In Japan, the use and possession of drugs such as cannabis, stimulants, and cocaine are strictly regulated by laws.

Please be aware that using, possessing, etc. these drugs in Japan will result in criminal prosecution.

Examples of drugs whose use, possession, etc. is punishable in Japan

Methamphetamine /
Amphetamine (ICE)



Cannabis



Cocaine



Heroin



MDMA



Designated substances



1

Cannabis

The Use, Possession, Cultivation, etc. of Cannabis and Cannabis products are punishable by law.

In Japan, cannabis is strictly regulated by the “Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Act” and the “Act on Regulation of Cultivation of Cannabis Plants”.

The Penal Provisions are as follows:

Penal Provisions

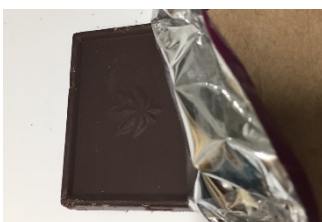
- ✓ **Possession / Transfer / Acquisition: Imprisonment of up to 7 years**
For the purpose of Profit: Imprisonment of 1 to 10 years
(and a Fine not exceeding 3 million yen imposed concurrently depending on the circumstances of the offense)
- ✓ **Import / Export / Manufacturing : Imprisonment of 1 to 10 years**
For the purpose of Profit: Imprisonment of 1 year or more
(and a Fine not exceeding 5 million yen imposed concurrently depending on the circumstances of the offense)
- ✓ **Use: Imprisonment of up to 7 years**
For the purpose of Profit: Imprisonment of 1 to 10 years
(and a Fine not exceeding 3 million yen imposed concurrently depending on the circumstances of the offense)
- ✓ **Cultivation: Imprisonment of 1 to 10 years**
For the purpose of Profit: Imprisonment of 1 year or more
(and a Fine not exceeding 5 million yen imposed concurrently depending on the circumstances of the offense)

Cannabis



Cannabis product

(images are examples)

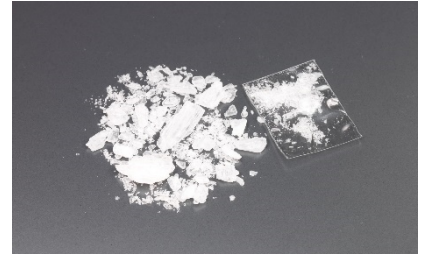


Please pay close attention to various products made with cannabis. Such products may be legally available in some countries and regions outside Japan, but bringing them into Japan is strictly prohibited and will result in legal penalties.

2

Methamphetamine/ Amphetamine (ICE)

In Japan, Methamphetamine and Amphetamine are strictly regulated by the "Stimulants Control Act".



The Penal Provisions are as follows:

Penal Provisions

- ✓ **Possession / Transfer / Acquisition: Imprisonment of up to 10 years**
For the purpose of Profit: Imprisonment of one year or more
(and a Fine not exceeding 10 million yen depending on the circumstances of the offense)
- ✓ **Import / Export / Manufacturing: Imprisonment of one year or more**
For the purpose of Profit: Life imprisonment or imprisonment of three years or more
(and a Fine not exceeding 10 million yen depending on the circumstances of offense)
- ✓ **Use: Imprisonment of up to 10 years**

3

Narcotics (MDMA • Cocaine • LSD • Ketamine etc.)

In Japan, MDMA, Cocaine, and other Narcotics are strictly regulated by the "Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances Control Act".

The Penal Provisions are as follows:

Penal Provisions

- ✓ **Possession / Transfer / Acquisition: Imprisonment of up to 7 years**
For the purpose of Profit: Imprisonment of 1 to 10 years
(and a fine not exceeding 3 million yen imposed concurrently depending on the circumstances of the offense)
- ✓ **Import / Export / Manufacturing: Imprisonment of 1 to 10 years**
For the purpose of Profit: Imprisonment of 1 year or more
(and a fine not exceeding 5 million yen imposed concurrently depending on the circumstances of the offense)
- ✓ **Use: Imprisonment of up to 7 years**
For the purpose of Profit: Imprisonment of 1 to 10 years
(and a fine not exceeding 3 million yen imposed concurrently depending on the circumstances of the offense)

MDMA



Cocaine



LSD



Ketamine



* The penal provisions applicable to Heroin are stricter than those for other Narcotic drugs.

4 Designated Substances

In Japan, “Designated substances” are regulated the “Act on Securing Quality, Efficacy and Safety of Products Including Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices”. Some designer drugs / NPS (New Psychoactive Substances) that are legally sold in countries or regions outside Japan may contain substances that are regulated as “Designated substances” under this Act. Please be careful not to bring such products into Japan casually.

The Penal Provisions are as follows:

Penal Provisions

Manufacturing, Importing, Selling, Providing, Possessing, Purchasing or Receiving for any purposes other than medical purposes, or Using for purposes other than medical purposes

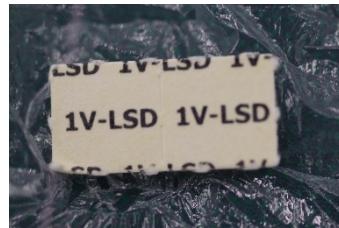


Imprisonment for not more than three years or a Fine not exceeding 3 million yen, or both
For the purpose of business :

Imprisonment for not more than five years or a Fine not exceeding 5 million yen, or both

Designated Substances

(images are examples)



List of these substances is available in the below website provided by Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare(MHLW)

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/iyakuhin/yakubuturanyou/gyousei-gaikyo/torishimari_00002.html



Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW)

Chuo Godo Chosha 5 go-kan, 1-2-2 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo TEL : 03-5253-1111

Information about Drug Abuse Prevention
(Japanese site)

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/iyakuhin/yakubuturanyou/index.html



For foreigners and travelers
(English site)

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/iyakuhin/yakubuturanyou/gyousei-gaikyo/torishimari_00002.html

