

MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND DUI

DUI impairment is on the rise in Mesa, Ariz since AMMA was enacted.

Medical marijuana ID Card does not protect offenders from driving under the influence. You can still be charged for DUI.

A recent Liberty Mutual survey found that 59% of teenagers believe they drive better or at least no worse while high on marijuana. Statistics say otherwise.



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Medical Marijuana Fast Facts



PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) regulates the Arizona Medical Marijuana Act (AMMA). The AMMA was voter approved in November 2010.

QUALIFYING PATIENT (QP)

To be a qualifying patient, one must have one or more of the following conditions.

CONDITIONS QUALIFYING A PATIENT		
CONDITION	# of QP's	% of QP's
Cancer	909	2.25%
Hepatitis C	644	1.60%
Cachexia	39	.10%
Seizures	295	.73%
Glaucoma	395	.89%
Sclerosis	14	.03%
Alzheimer's	12	.02%
Chronic Pain	29,464	72.98%
Muscle Spasms	464	1.15%
HIV/AIDS	217	.54%
Crohn's Disease	204	.51%
Nausea	368	.91%

- Must have written certification from an AZ licensed physician (MD, DO, homeopathic or naturopathic)
- May obtain up to 2.5 oz of marijuana in a 14-day period
- May possess up to 2.5 oz of useable marijuana or 12 plants

DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS (DC)

- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Must have a signed statement agreeing to assist the QP with the medical use of marijuana
- Must NOT be convicted of an excluded felony offense such as a violent crime or a violation against any controlled substance law (A.R.S. 36-2801)
- Can provide care for up to five patients
- Can grow up to 12 marijuana plants for each patient (max of 60 plants) at least 25 miles from a licensed dispensary
- Must have a separate registry ID card for each patient.



DISPENSARY AGENT'S DUTIES

- Verifies QP and DC
- Maintains QP's medical record
- Maintains inventory control at dispensary
- Provides required security
- Ensures products are dispensed and produced as permitted
- Maintains clean and sanitary conditions of dispensary

BAD PUBLIC POLICY

THE RISKS AND COSTS TO SOCIETY

- All marijuana is illegal under federal law. The FDA approves medicines and has approved medical use of isolated components of the marijuana plant and charted synthetic compounds.
- ADHS does NOT require dispensaries to test their products for harmful substances such as pesticides, herbicides, molds, bacteria and other toxins.
- Without quality controls, the risk of contaminated marijuana making its way onto the black market and across borders increases.
- Potential for health issues in young children and adults who accidentally ingest is great due to lack of quality standards.
- Roughly 11% of youths obtain their recreational marijuana from a medical marijuana card holder.

