

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION & CONVICTION RELIEF

In the State of Illinois, adults 21+ can possess and purchase cannabis products in licensed stores beginning
January 1st, 2020

How Much is Legal to Possess?

Illinois Residents



30g of plant, 500mg of THC, or
5g of cannabis concentration

Any combination shall not exceed the maximum for each type & 30g total

Non-Illinois Residents



15g of plant, 250mg of THC,
2.5g of cannabis concentration

Home Grow Program



Medical marijuana patients ONLY.
5 plants per household.
Sales are strictly prohibited.



Where Can I Use Marijuana?

- Marijuana may **NOT** be used in public (e.g. parks, sidewalks).
- Marijuana may be used in private homes or licensed establishments.
- Landlords can ban cannabis use on property they own.



How Might This Affect My Employment?

- Employers may still ban marijuana from the workplace.
- Employees may still be tested for marijuana and subject to consequences based on their employer's stated drug policy.

What Will Be Expunged?

Convictions, arrests, charges, orders of supervision or qualified probation for
Class A & B Misdemeanor Marijuana Offenses and Class 4 Felony Marijuana Offenses
of amounts **under 30g**, so long as one year has passed since the offense took place.

How Will I Know if My Record Has Been Expunged?

- Once your record has been expunged, notice will be mailed by the clerk of the circuit court to your last known address.
- Cook County residents can update their address by contacting the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County at 312-603-4357.

When Will My Record be Expunged?

If Your Case Was Between...	It Will Be Expunged By...
Jan 1, 2013—Jan 1, 2020	Jan 1, 2021
Jan 1, 2000—Dec 31, 2012	Jan 1, 2023
Before Jan 1, 2000	Jan 1, 2025



Any cannabis offenses that were accompanied by another arresting offense, charges not initiated by arrest, or other convictions are **NOT eligible** for automatic expungement. However, you may file a motion to vacate and expunge these, and any other eligible cases, with the clerk of the circuit court.



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For more help and questions about clearing your record please visit www.cookcountystatesattorney.org/marijuana