

100 questions about legal marijuana: Your go-to source for Colorado info

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Possession regs: limits on flowers, whole plants, home growing, gun ownership

Q: With all these caveats, I can legally possess an ounce of dried marijuana flowers. How much is that in practical terms?

A: It's a lot. Researchers have calculated that the average joint has slightly less than a half gram of marijuana. (Yes, this is actually something that people with Ph.D.s did.) An ounce is slightly more than 28 grams. So one ounce will get you close to 60 joints. In alcohol terms, it's a keg of pot.

Q: Can I grow my own marijuana at home?

A: You can. Colorado law allows people 21 and older to grow up to six plants, provided it's done in an "enclosed, locked space." Some cities have limited the number of plants that can be grown in a single house — Denver's cap is 12 — and some cities have imposed other zoning or code restrictions on home-growing.

Even without those hurdles, experts say that, just because it's called weed, don't expect marijuana to grow as easily as one at home. That difficulty is the main reason why the recreational marijuana stores are expected to be so popular.



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