



Drug Decriminalization in Oregon: Know Your Rights

As of February 1, 2021, possession of drugs within certain amounts is no longer a crime under Oregon state law. It is now a violation, punishable by a maximum fine of \$100. The fine may be dismissed by completing a health screening within 45 days of receiving a citation. To complete the screening, call 503-575-3769 or 541-575-3769.

What are the amounts of drugs that are decriminalized?

- Under 1 gram of heroin
- Under 1 gram, or fewer than 5 pills, of MDMA
- Under 2 grams of methamphetamine
- Under 2 grams of cocaine
- Under 40 units of LSD
- Under 12 grams of psilocybin
- Under 40 units of methadone
- Fewer than 40 pills of oxycodone

Can I still be arrested for drug possession within the limits?

No. Police are not permitted to arrest you or search you or your belongings just because they think you possess drugs within the amounts. However, police may still make an arrest for other reasons, including for suspected drug sales and outstanding warrants.

What if I have more than the decriminalized amount?

Possessing more than the specified amount is a crime. You can still be arrested and taken to jail.



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Can I still be stopped by the police for drug possession?

Yes. Police can still stop you and issue a citation for possession of drugs within the specified amounts. The maximum fine you can receive is \$100, which can be dismissed by completing a health screening.

Can police still take my drugs?

Yes. Police can still confiscate drugs.

Can I be arrested for having paraphernalia?

No. However, some cities may allow you to be fined up to \$500 for having paraphernalia.

What happens if I get a citation?

If you receive a citation that includes a fine, you can complete a health screening within 45 days to dismiss the citation and fine. To complete the screening, call **503-575-3769** or **541-575-3769**. If you just want to pay the fine, follow the instructions on the citation form.

What happens if I don't pay the fine?

Failure to pay the fine or complete a health screening cannot result in more penalties or incarceration.

What if my rights have been violated?

If you need more information or think your rights have been violated, contact the ACLU of Oregon at <https://aclu-or.org/en/legal-request> or **(503) 227-3186**.