Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program Toolkit

MEDICAL CANNABIS FRENQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)



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The Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program is committed to helping patients make informed, responsible decisions about medical cannabis use. For the many Mississippians who are new to medical cannabis use or those experienced seeking additional guidance, this FAQ section provides important information about safe purchasing, proper use, potential effects, storage and legal considerations.

Understanding how medical cannabis works and how to use it safely can help you protect your health and the health of those around you. For any further questions, please call (601) 206-1540 or visit https://www.mmcp.ms.gov/about/contact.

Q. Where is it safe to purchase medical cannabis?

A. In Mississippi, medical cannabis may be safely purchased only from state-licensed medical cannabis dispensaries. A current list of licensed dispensaries is available on our website at mmcp.ms.gov/businesses.

Q. How can I tell how I'll react to medical cannabis products?

A. Everyone responds to cannabis differently, and individual reactions can vary based on product type, potency and personal tolerance. To reduce risk, start with a low dose and increase gradually as needed.

Q. How long does it take to feel the effects of medical cannabis treatment?

A. The time it takes to feel effects depends on how the product is used:

- Dabs: Effects may be felt within seconds
- Vaping: Typically takes 2–10 minutes
- Edibles: Effects usually begin within 30–60 minutes

Q. Is it possible to overdose on medical cannabis?

A. While cannabis overdose is rarely fatal, consuming large amounts—especially products high in THC—can impair judgment, coordination and perception. This may increase the risk of accidents or injury.

Q. What should I do if I accidentally consume too much?

A. Consuming too much cannabis may result in THC poisoning. While anyone can experience this, children are particularly vulnerable due to their size and weight. Symptoms may include:

- Severe confusion or anxiety
- Panic or paranoia
- Rapid heart rate or increased blood pressure
- Hallucinations or delusions
- Intense nausea or vomiting

If you or someone else has over-consumed cannabis, contact a healthcare provider, call 911 for medical emergencies, or call the Mississippi Poison Control Center at 601-984-1170 for non-urgent matters.

Q. How should medical cannabis products and paraphernalia be stored?

A. Cannabis products should be kept in a dry, cool, dark location, ideally in their original resealable packaging or in airtight glass containers. Always store them securely and away from children and pets.

Q. Is it safe to combine medical cannabis with other substances?

A. Mixing medical cannabis with alcohol, tobacco, or certain medications is generally not recommended, as combined use may increase impairment or have adverse effects.

Q. Who should avoid using medical cannabis?

A. Medical cannabis use may not be appropriate for:

- ✓ Children and adolescents
- ✓ Pregnant or breastfeeding individuals
- ✓ People with a personal or family history of psychosis, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or severe anxiety or depression
- ✓ Individuals with heart, lung, liver or kidney conditions

Always consult a healthcare provider before consuming medical cannabis.

Q. Are all medical cannabis products the same?

A. No. Cannabis products vary widely in chemical composition, potency, form and effects, which is why reading labels and understanding product types is important.

Q. Can I use medical cannabis while at work?

A. This depends on your employer. Even in states where medical cannabis is legal, employers may prohibit medical cannabis use or possession in the workplace and may require drug testing.

Q. Is it safe or legal to drive after using medical cannabis?

A. No. Driving after using cannabis is unsafe and illegal. Cannabis can impair reaction time, coordination, and judgment.