

# VERMONT

## LAWS & PENALTIES

Offense	Penalty	Incarceration	Max. Fine
<b>POSSESSION</b>			
1 oz or less (first offense)*	Civil Violation	None	\$ 200
1 oz or less (second offense)*	Civil Violation	None	\$ 300
1 oz or less (subsequent offense)*	Civil Violation	None	\$ 500
1 - 2 oz (first offense)	Misdemeanor	6 months	\$ 500
1 - 2 oz (subsequent offense)	Misdemeanor	2 years	\$ 2,000
2 oz - 1 lb	Felony	3 years	\$ 10,000
1 - 10 lbs	Felony	5 years	\$ 100,000
10 lbs or more	Felony	15 years	\$ 500,000

\* By persons 21 years of age or older.

<b>SALE</b>			
Less than 1/2 oz	Misdemeanor	2 years	\$ 10,000
1/2 oz - 1 lb	Felony	5 years	\$ 100,000
1 - 50 lbs	Felony	15 years	\$ 500,000
More than 50 lbs	Felony	30 years	\$ 1,000,000
To a minor	Felony	5 years	\$ 25,000

<b>CULTIVATION</b>			
1 - 2 plants (first offense)	Misdemeanor	6 months	\$ 500
1 - 2 plants (subsequent offense)	Misdemeanor	2 years	\$ 2,000
3 - 10 plants	Felony	3 years	\$ 10,000
11 - 25 plants	Felony	5 years	\$ 100,000
More than 25 plants	Felony	15 years	\$ 500,000

<b>HASH &amp; CONCENTRATES</b>			
5 grams or less (first offense)*	Civil Violation	None	\$ 200
5 grams or less (subsequent offense)*	Civil Violation	None	\$ 500
more than 5 grams (first offense)	Misdemeanor	6 months	\$ 500
more than 5 grams (subsequent offense)	Misdemeanor	2 years	\$ 2,000

\* By persons 21 years of age or older.

Penalties for hashish are similar to marijuana penalties. Please see the marijuana penalties section for further details.

<b>PARAPHERNALIA</b>			
Possession of paraphernalia*	Civil Violation	None	\$ 200
Sale of paraphernalia	Misdemeanor	1 year	\$ 1,000
To a minor	Misdemeanor	2 years	\$ 2,000

\* By persons 21 years of age or older.

2nd = \$300

## Penalty Details

### Possession

Possession of one ounce or less of marijuana by a person 21 years of age or older, is punishable with a civil violation not a criminal offense.

Possession of 1 - 2 ounces is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum sentence of 6 months imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$500.\*

\* There is a possible deferred sentence for first-time offenders.

A subsequent conviction for possession of 1 - 2 ounces is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum sentence of 2 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$2,000.

Possession of 2 ounce-1 pound is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 3 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$3,000.

Possession of 1 pound-10 pounds is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$100,000.

Possession of more than 10 pounds is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 15 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$500,000.

See

• Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 18 § 4230 (2015)

### Sale

The sale or delivery of less than 1/2 ounce is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum sentence of 2 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both.

The sale or delivery of 1/2 ounce - 1 pound is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$100,000, or both.

The sale or delivery of 1 pound - 50 pounds is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 15 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$500,000.

The sale or delivery of more than 50 pounds is presumed to be trafficking and is punishable by a maximum sentence of 30 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$1,000,000.

The sale or delivery to a minor is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$25,000.

See

• Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 18 § 4236 (2015)

### Cultivation

Cultivation of 1-2 plants is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum sentence of 6 months imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$500 for the first offense. A subsequent offense increases incarceration to a maximum sentence of 2 years and a maximum fine of \$2000.

Cultivation of 3-10 plants is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 3 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

Cultivation of 11-25 plants is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$100,000.

Cultivation of more than 25 plants is a felony punishable by a maximum sentence of 15 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$500,000.

See

• Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 18 § 4230 (2015)

### Hash & Concentrates

The law decriminalizes possession of 5 grams or less of hashish by a person 21 years of age or older. Civil fines are no more than \$200 first offense, no more than \$300 second offense, no more than \$500 third or subsequent offense. Possession of more than 5 grams of hashish is a misdemeanor punishable by 6 months imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$500 for a first offense. A subsequent offense increases incarceration to a maximum sentence of 2 years and a maximum fine of \$2000.

Vermont classifies hashish and concentrates as marijuana. For more information regarding penalties associated with hashish or concentrates see the section for Vermont laws on marijuana.

See

• Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 16 § 4201 (2015)

### Paraphernalia

The possession of marijuana paraphernalia by a person 21 years of age or older is punishable by a civil fine only - no arrest, no jail time, and no criminal record. Civil fines are no more than \$200 first offense, no more than \$300 second offense, no more than \$500 third or subsequent offense.

The sale of paraphernalia is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum sentence of 1 year imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$1,000.

The sale of paraphernalia to a minor is punishable by a maximum sentence of 2 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$2,000.

See

• Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 18 § 4476 (2015)