

MARSHALL ISLANDS

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Travel & Possession Not Permitted Under Any Circumstance



Summary

- Cannabis is illegal in the Marshall Islands for both recreational and medical use.
- Possession, cultivation, sale, and trafficking are prohibited under national drugs act.
- There is no legal framework for medical cannabis.
- Travelers and tourists are strictly prohibited from bringing cannabis, including CBD, oils, edibles, or hemp-derived products.

Background

Cannabis is prohibited under the Narcotic Drugs (Prohibition and Control) Act 1987. The Act criminalizes possession, cultivation, distribution, and use of cannabis, except under very specific conditions for medical or professional purposes. According to the Act:

"The provisions of Section 903 of this Chapter shall not apply to the possession of prohibited drugs by a medical practitioner or by an authorized agent of such practitioner under his supervision, in accordance with a license granted under Section 907 of this Chapter:

(a) as incidental to his administering or dispensing a medicine, drug or other substance in the course of his professional duty; or

(b) for the purpose of or incidental to research, teaching, or chemical analysis done with the approval of the Public Health Board."

This means that only licensed professionals may legally possess or use cannabis for medical, research, or educational purposes. However, it is restricted. Foreign travelers or patients cannot legally bring cannabis into the country, even if it is prescribed abroad.

Non-Medical Cannabis

- Consumption: Illegal. Any use can result in criminal charges.
- Possession: Upon a first offense involving one ounce or less, a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment of not less than six months and not exceeding one year, or both. Upon a first offense involving more than one ounce, a second or subsequent conviction involving one ounce or less, a fine



of not less than \$5,000 and not exceeding \$25,000 or a term of imprisonment of not less than one year and not exceeding five years, or both. Upon a second or subsequent conviction involving more than one ounce, a fine of not less than \$25,000 and not exceeding \$50,000 or a term of imprisonment of not less than five years and not exceeding fifteen years, or both.

- Sale & Distribution: Illegal. Trafficking in cannabis is considered a serious offense in Mali and can lead to severe penalties, including imprisonment.

Traveling to the Marshall Islands with Medical Cannabis

The Marshall Islands does not recognize medical cannabis prescriptions from any country. Bringing cannabis in any form, including oils, edibles, CBD, or hemp-derived products, is illegal. Travelers found with cannabis may face arrest, prosecution, and severe penalties.

Steps to Take Before Departure:

1. Do not carry any cannabis product.
2. Carry only non-cannabis medications that are legal.
3. Obtain pharmacy-labeled packaging with valid prescription for all legal medications.
4. Do not rely on foreign prescriptions for cannabis. The authorities of the Marshall Islands do not acknowledge them.

Practical Tips

- If you are taking other medications, carry them in original packaging with prescriptions and clinic letters, best to verify legality via embassy.
- Speak to your embassy or consulate regarding your medical needs before planning travel.
- Use alternative, legal permitted medicines during your stay in the Marshall Islands.

The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.

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