

SAUDI ARABIA

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Travel & Possession Not Permitted Under Any Circumstance



Summary

- Both medical and recreational cannabis are strictly illegal. There is no legal framework for medical cannabis or CBD for either residents or visitors.
- Importing any cannabis-derived product, including CBD oils or medical extracts—even with a prescription—is prohibited.
- Possession for personal use can lead to severe penalties, including imprisonment, deportation, or even the death penalty in cases involving large quantities or trafficking.

Background

Cannabis and all derivatives (including CBD) are classified under Saudi narcotics law as illegal drugs with zero tolerance.

Key features include:

- First-time possession can result in imprisonment (1–6 months), and deportation.
- Trafficking sentences range from 2 to 10+ years in prison (for locals) or death in severe cases.
- If the person committing the drug offenses is a foreigner, they are typically deported.

Non-Medical Cannabis

- Consumption: Illegal in all forms—no decriminalization or exceptions.
- Possession: Criminalized regardless of amount. Even trace amounts can trigger legal action.
- Sale & Distribution: Heavily punished. Traders can face long prison time or death penalty.



Traveling to Saudi Arabia with Medical Cannabis

Importing any cannabis products (CBD, THC, oils, edibles) is illegal—even if you're a medical cannabis patient or hold a prescription.

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 Saudi Arabia do not acknowledge them.

Practical Tips

- If you're taking other medications, carry them in original packaging with prescriptions and clinic letters, best to verify legality via embassy.
- Use alternative, legal permitted medicines during your stay in Saudi Arabia.

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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