



**IF YOU'RE VAPING THC,
DO YOU KNOW THE
ABC'S?**

THE ABC'S OF THC IN TEXAS

Under Texas law, the possession of THC vape pens is subject to more severe punishment than possession of marijuana flower because it is classified as a Penalty Group 2 drug. Under Texas Health and Safety Code 481.103, tetrahydrocannabinols from sources other than marijuana are **all** punishable as felonies.

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ALERT! Any amount of THC oil, even less than **one gram**, is a felony offense in the state of Texas and may result in up to two years in jail and up to \$10,000 in fines. Possession of THC oil is more severely penalized due to the fact that any other ingredients or paraphernalia are added to the weight of confiscated evidence. For example, the weight of THC laced brownies or a vape pen can easily become a first-degree felony. A near empty THC vape cartridge can be a second-degree or third-degree felony. If you possess THC oil at school or any other drug free zone, the felony offense increases one level and you are immediately removed from your school and placed in an Alternative Education Program.



B **BEWARE!** According to the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA), the use of high-potency THC oil is associated with negative outcomes for the developing brain. Adolescents and young adults who frequently use high doses of THC oil may have an increased likelihood of developing anxiety, depression, paranoia, and suicidal ideation. These conditions are attributed to changes in brain anatomy, connectivity and poor memory, all of which impact daily functioning, learning, and maturation of the brain. The science is proven. Vaping THC oil has a significant impact on brain health and the long-term success of those who use it.



C **CONSEQUENCES!** A felony charge in Texas can have life-long consequences. In addition to jail time, people with felony convictions experience removal from school and placement in Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs; are unable to join the military or receive financial aid for college, have great difficulty in renting or securing a loan, have difficulty in securing employment; are denied voting privileges, and many other fundamental rights. Court costs necessary to seal a juvenile's record are expensive and may impede a person's ability to start a career, college and their adult life.

THE LOWS OF GETTING HIGH

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Any amount of THC oil found in your possession as part of a vape device or edible is a felony in the State of Texas

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Brains are developing up until the age of 25. Using high-potency cannabis is linked to anxiety, depression and memory loss, and can potentially lead to lifelong mental health disorders.

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The consequences of a felony charge due to THC can last for a lifetime. A person's ability to attend college, start a career, apply for a loan, join the military, and even vote can be greatly impacted.



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