

# Cannabis and the law

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a lit cigarette. The person is wearing a light-colored sweater and blue denim jeans. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a wooden bench or table.

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## Possession of Cannabis: The law if you are under 18 and what you need to know

Cannabis is a Class B drug and is an illegal substance.

Young People caught in possession may be arrested or be taken home by the police and interviewed at a later date under caution at a police station. Your home may also be searched for further evidence.

You might receive anything from a caution to having to go to court.

You could get a custodial sentence if convicted by a court for possession.



## Things to know

A conviction for possession of cannabis can have a negative impact on your life in the following ways:

- X Travel** - Some countries such as America would not allow you to visit.
- X Employment**- Some jobs require checks to be made and your conviction might be disclosed.
- X** You would have a **criminal record**.

Using cannabis in public increases your risk of being caught in possession.

If you are concerned about cannabis and the law, you can make an appointment to speak with a CheckPoint worker:

**Call 01803 290330** 9am-5pm  
Monday to Friday

***Is it worth the risk?***