Illegal use or possession of marijuana is a felony, but may be treated as a misdemeanor. Possession of marijuana wax or larger amounts of marijuana bud/flower are more likely to be treated as felonies.

Arizona permits medical marijuana use and possession with proper certification – but not on campus or on federal property.

Possession of marijuana and paraphernalia violates the UA Student Code of Conduct and Residence Life policies.

You don’t have to be in handcuffs to be arrested – even receiving a citation counts as an arrest. Arizona is a “non-expungement” state, so arrests are never erased and could have long-term consequences, including disclosures to potential employers and graduate programs.

Possession of marijuana is a diversion-eligible offense. Completing the diversion program through the UA or the Pima County Attorney’s Office will dismiss any criminal charges (but remember that it still won’t erase the arrest). Fail to do so and the charge will become a conviction.

Use and possession of marijuana can have both criminal and academic consequences. If caught, you may be referred to the Dean of Students, and you may also face criminal charges. Whether criminal charges are filed is up to the discretion of the arresting agency (e.g. UAPD).

Questions?
Student Legal Services is free, here to help, and funded by your Student Services Fee. Go to legal.asua.arizona.edu and click the “Book An Appointment” tab to make an appointment.

For more info on the Student Code of Conduct please visit: deanofstudents.arizona.edu