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New Jersey Drug Trafficking Laws and Penalties

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- New Jersey laws and penalties for drug trafficking depends on the amount of substances involved when caught.
- The crime is categorized into 4 different degrees.



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First Degree

The following earns a First Degree drug trafficking charge, with penalties of up to \$500,000 or at least ten (and up to 20) years in prison:

- 5 pounds or more of *marijuana*
- 5 pounds or more of hashish, 5 oz. or more of *methamphetamine*
- 100 milligrams or more of LSD or 10 or more grams of PCP
- 5 ounces or more of P2P
- 5 oz. or more of *heroin and cocaine*



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Second Degree

As per drug trafficking law, one is charged with second degree crime with a fine of up to \$75,000 or at least five (and up to ten) years in prison, or both when one is caught with:

- 5 pounds but less than 25 pounds of *marijuana*
- one pound but less than 5 pounds of hashish
- ½ oz. but less than 5 oz. of *methamphetamine*
- ½ oz. but less than 5 oz. of *heroin and cocaine*
- less than 100 milligrams of LSD **or** less than 10 grams of PCP
- ½ ounce or more, but less than 5 ounces of P2P
- 1 ounce or more of *methadone, mescaline, peyote, opium, DMT, magic mushrooms, amphetamines (Ritalin)*



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Third Degree

As per drug trafficking law, one is charged with a third degree crime and a fine of up to \$150,000 or at least three (and up to five) years in prison, or both when caught with the following substances:

- 1 oz. but less than 5 pounds of marijuana
- 5 grams but less than one pound of hashish
- Less than ½ oz. of *methamphetamine*
- Less than ½ oz. of heroin and cocaine
- Less than 1 ounce of *methadone, mescaline, peyote, opium, DMT, magic mushrooms, amphetamines (Ritalin)*
- Less than ½ ounce of P2P



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Fourth Degree

Drug trafficking which involves less than one ounce *marijuana*, less than 5 grams of hashish or any amount of a Schedule V substance incurs a fine of up to \$25,000, up to 18 months in prison, or both.



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- Drug trafficking within 1,000 feet of school premises will be sentenced to at least one year of imprisonment for less than 1 oz. of marijuana and 3 years for other drugs.
- Drug trafficking within 500 feet of public space or property incurs a fine of up to \$150,000 or 5 to 10 years imprisonment or both.
- Second or subsequent conviction will include twice the penalties of the original offense.



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- Contact a [drug crime defense attorney in New Jersey](#) if you have been arrested and charged with drug trafficking.
- Speak with [NJ's drug crime attorney Joel Silberman](#) to ensure your rights are not jeopardized.



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