

DOT Reminds Drivers, Marijuana Use Is Still Prohibited

Two states - Colorado and Washington - recently legalized the use of marijuana for recreational purposes. But the Federal government still classifies marijuana as a Schedule I drug and prohibits its use among commercial drivers and other transportation professionals.

The Department of Transportation's Drug and Alcohol Testing Regulation - 49 CFR Part 40 - does not authorize the use of Schedule I drugs, including marijuana, for any reason.

What This Means For Counties

Even if Colorado allows recreational or medicinal use of marijuana, Medical Review Officers are still prohibited from verifying drug tests as negative when marijuana use is confirmed. Commercially licensed drivers are subject to Federal law in the state of Colorado; therefore, they must comply with Federal law over state law. The DOT wants to assure the traveling public that our transportation system is the safest it can possibly be.

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