



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
97TH AIR MOBILITY WING (AETC)
ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE OKLAHOMA

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MEMORANDUM FOR 97 AMW PERSONNEL

FROM: 97 AMW/CC

SUBJECT: 97 AMW Policy on the Use and Possession of Marijuana on Altus AFB, OK

1. On 26 June 2018, Oklahoma voters passed State Question 788 which decriminalizes the use and possession of medically prescribed marijuana. Let me be perfectly clear that this change to Oklahoma law has no effect on federal law or Altus AFB policies. I expect commanders, directors, and supervisors to hold individuals who violate our drug laws accountable.
2. Federal law on marijuana remains unchanged. Marijuana, to include medical marijuana, is still illegal on Altus AFB and federal installations. The Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and Title 10 of the U.S. Code prohibit any marijuana use and possession, regardless of state laws. The Controlled Substances Act criminalizes all marijuana, categorizing it as a Schedule I controlled substance. Thus, the possession of marijuana is illegal, even if medically prescribed and even if an individual has no intent to distribute it on base.
3. All civilians (including dependents and visitors) are prohibited from bringing marijuana onto Altus AFB. Any civilian who attempts to use, possess, distribute, or introduce marijuana (medicinal or otherwise) on Altus AFB risks debarment from base, to include base housing, and referral to federal law enforcement agencies. Furthermore, Executive Order 12564, Drug-Free Federal Workplace, mandates that all Federal employees refrain from the use of illegal drugs, whether on or off duty, and persons who use illegal drugs are unsuitable for Federal employment. Thus, Federal employees risk adverse administrative action and potential employment termination.
4. Military members are likewise prohibited from any use, possession, or distribution of marijuana under Article 112a, UCMJ, both on and off base and whether on or off duty, regardless of state law. UCMJ violations risk punishment under a court-martial or adverse administrative action.
5. Please direct any questions concerning this policy to the 97 AMW/JA office at 481-7294.

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