

✔ Narcotics Prevention Guide for Foreigners

A-Z to avoid becoming a narcotics offender

Essential anti-narcotics tips for **foreigners** in Korea



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How do foreigners in Korea **first** encounter narcotics?



Recommendations from friends

Taking drugs due to recommendations from friends at parties or bars

As a favor or as irregular work

Carrying, possessing, or selling drugs as a favor or as irregular work

Don't follow suggestions or agree to requests for favors.
You too could become a drug offender!

All narcotics are strictly regulated in Korea!

Narcotic drugs

Opium, morphine,
cocaine, fentanyl, etc.

Cannabis

Marijuana,
cannabis products, etc.

Psychotropic drugs

Methamphetamine,
propofol, barbital,
zolpidem, etc.

Others

Temporary drugs,
hallucinogens, etc.

In Korea, all narcotics, includes marijuana,
which is permitted in some countries,
**are strictly regulated and
subject to strict punishment.**



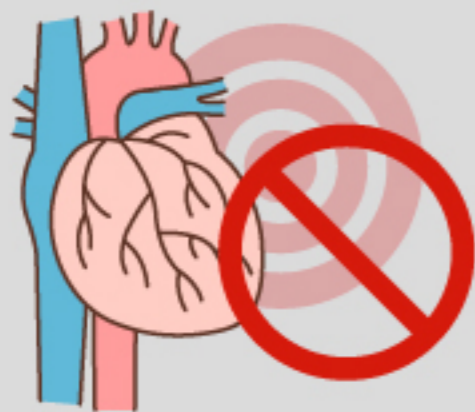
Why you should **never** take drugs

The dangers of narcotics are beyond your imagination!

Threats to life

It could **kill you.**

Central nervous system damage, organ damage, cardiac arrest, dyspnea, or taking a lethal dose!



Destruction of the mind

It could damage **your brain.**

Permanent brain damage, brain dysfunction, decline in intelligence, etc.



Adverse social effects

It could **lead to secondary crimes.**

Increase in crime and social costs





What are the **punishments** for **narcotics offenders** in Korea?

Drug taking or simple possession

Imprisonment for up to 10 years or a fine of up to KRW 100 million



Import, export or transport of drugs

Imprisonment for 5 years to life



Trafficking and arrangement

Imprisonment for 5 years to life



Cultivation and management of narcotic materials

Imprisonment for up to 5 years or a fine of up to KRW 50 million



“But, I’m not Korean...”

**Are foreigners punished
the same as Koreans?**

YES

In Korea,

foreigners and Koreans

are punished equally

for narcotics crimes.

“This is unfair.”

**I didn't know it was drugs.
Will I still be punished?**

YES

If you were involved in a narcotics crime, you can be punished even if you claim that you did not know it was a narcotics crime.

One more thing!
**Foreigners who commit
narcotics crimes in Korea**



**are subject to criminal punishment
and deportation, and
are banned from reentering Korea.**

DO NOT ENTER

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Make sure to remember

CARD

to overcome the temptation of drugs.



check

If you are asked to deliver or carry goods, or are offered high compensation for doing so,

be sure to check!



avoid

If you see any suspicious activity at foreigner gatherings, bars, or workplaces,

**avoid it
no matter what!**



refuse

If your friend, colleague, or acquaintance says, "Just once" or "It's no big deal,"

refuse firmly!



don't use

If you have any medicines with narcotic ingredients or that were purchased through irregular channels,

don't use them!

If you are currently suffering from narcotics addiction
or involved in a narcotics crime

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You can get help!

Anytime, anywhere,
and anyone who's struggling with drugs

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