



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



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



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

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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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