



Prevention of Involvement in Drug-related Crimes



Anyone can be inadvertently involved in a drug offense



Korean nationals are subject to penalties under the laws of the Republic of Korea for purchasing or consuming cannabis-related products in a country where hemp is legally distributed.



Countries that legalize cannabis: Thailand, US, Canada, etc.

- ✓ Anyone can possess and use drugs unknowingly if enticed by certain offers.
- ✓ This can happen in the home country (so stay vigilant at all times!), but you are **especially** prone to getting involved in crimes **overseas**. This is because people **tend to lower their guard** in new and exciting environments.
- ✓ In some countries where using cannabis is legalized, you may **inadvertently use or purchase narcotics** if you are not careful.

※Source: “Say No to Drugs”, a campaign to eradicate drug smuggling, Korea Customs Service (2022).

You may be tempted to do a simple task in exchange for a too-good-to-be true compensation

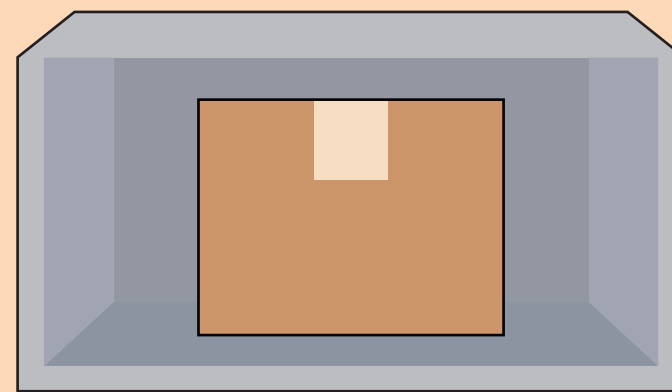


You should definitely be suspicious if you are in any of the following situations:

Delivering small goods



Storing goods for others



Delivering goods to total strangers



Receiving international mail for a third party



- ✓ If someone offers you free travel or excessive compensation for doing simple tasks, it is very likely that it is an illegal drug-related activity.

※Source: Beware alluring offers for drug mules, YTN (August 25, 2023)

Young people often become the targets of drug mule recruitment



- ✓ Ordinary citizens are often targeted for recruitment.
- ✓ There are many cases where young people and housewives are targeted.
- ✓ There is an increasing trend of adolescent involvement in drug delivery.
- ✓ A drug mule can be punished for possession of drugs alone.

※Source: 'Just delivering a suitcase as a favor...' Drug smuggling alert, Yonhap News TV (August 11, 2022)

Do not accept opened beverages or water



- ✓ Liquid drugs that have no discernable color, flavor, or taste are often used for criminal purposes as they can be easily mixed in other beverages or water.
- ✓ Do not take any beverages, water, candies, cookies, and other foods offered by a stranger (unopened products are no guarantee of safety).
- ✓ Also, take your beverages with you when you switch seats.

No country is safe from drugs anymore

- ✓ The whole world is at war with drugs.
- ✓ The drug problem **requires our attention and effort** to protect our health and future, as well as those of our families.
- ✓ Parents/guardians are advised to pay close attention to their children to prevent them from being exposed to drug use or involved in crimes.



Organizations for drug counselling and education



✓ Korean Association Against Drug Abuse (KAADA) : 1899-0893

- Drug counselling is available via phone, mail, email, or personal visits at 13 KAADA regional offices
- Referral to medical institutions for treatment



Organizations for outpatient, hospitalized treatment and counselling



✓ Treatment and protection centers within the local community

✓ Addiction Management Center



Educational materials for prevention of drug use by adolescents



✓ Student Health Information Center : <https://schoolhealth.kr>



Drug Crime Reporting Agencies

✓ Police: 112 ✓ Prosecutors' Office: 1301 ✓ Korea Customs Service: 125

- ※ Please be assured that your personal data will be strictly kept confidential.
- ※ Counselling is also available through family members or friends.