

Signs of Visible Intoxication



Selling recreational marijuana to a visibly intoxicated person (VIP) is against the law. If you can tell on sight that a person has been drinking or using other drugs, the person is considered "visibly intoxicated." *If you are not sure, don't make the sale.*

**Please keep in mind and remain sensitive to medical marijuana users (registered cardholders) who often have underlying medical conditions. These conditions may give the appearance that the user is under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. (Examples might include: body tremors, walking, or issues with speech.)*

Here are some common signs of visible intoxication. These are not all the possible signs. If a person shows a combination of several signs, or has a sudden change in behavior, that could be a strong indication that the person is intoxicated.

Appearance:

- Bloodshot, glassy, or watery eyes
- Flushed face
- Droopy eyelids
- Blank stare or dazed look
- Twitching or body tremors
- Disheveled clothing

Speech:

- Think, slurred speech
- Loud, noisy speech
- Speaking loudly, then quietly
- Rambling train of thought
- Unusually fast or slow talking
- Slow response to questions or comments
- Repetitive statements
- Bravado, boasting
- Making irrational statements

Attitude:

- Annoying other guests and employees

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- Argumentative
- Aggressive or belligerent
- Obnoxious or mean
- Inappropriate sexual advances
- Overly friendly to other guests or employees
- Boisterous

Behavior:

- Swaying, staggering, or stumbling
- Unable to sit straight
- Careless with money
- Difficulty making change
- Restless
- Depressed or sullen
- Crying or moody
- Extreme or sudden change in behavior
- Overly animated or entertaining
- Crude, inappropriate speech or gestures
- Drowsiness or falling asleep
- Lack of focus and eye contact
- Difficulty standing
- Unusual walk
- Falling
- Clumsy
- Difficulty remembering
- Disoriented
- Agitated, anxious
- Grinding teeth
- Vomiting

Other

- Odor of alcohol, marijuana, or other chemicals
- Excessive perspiration
- Repeated trips to the restroom or an outside area