

SAFE HARBOR

A monthly newsletter for the Maritime worker from
The Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr.

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Thank you for your maritime service and taking the time to review our Newsletter. We at the Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. hope you find the following information helpful. If you have any questions regarding your rights or remedies please contact us at any time. We are here to serve you.



BEWARE OF MARIJUANA!



Even though some states have changed their laws regarding marijuana, the Coast Guard still has a "zero tolerance" policy for mariners who test positive for it. They do not make any exceptions for a failed drug test, even if marijuana is legal for either medicinal or recreational use in the state where you live. You will not be off the hook if it was medically prescribed and necessary. Because cannabis remains in your system for a long period of time, it exposes users to a bigger chance of detection than most other substances. Therefore you have to be careful when taking it either recreationally or medically. For a detailed description of the Coast Guard's position you can read more here:

[DOT Drug and Alcohol Policy](#)

[Marine Safety Policies](#)

QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE

I tested positive for marijuana and the Coast Guard wants to take my license. What can I do?



*Rudy S.
Portland, Maine*

Answer:

Unfortunately they can suspend your license if you test positive for marijuana. However, before they take any action, you are entitled to a hearing. You are also entitled to be represented by a lawyer if you wish, however it is at your own expense. You can also work out a voluntary settlement agreement with them where you may have to undergo counseling or some type of rehabilitation to get your license back faster.

TEMPORARY ADDRESS CHANGE

We have relocated to San Francisco while our new Oakland space undergoes renovation from fire damage. We have offices on both sides of the Bay to serve you! Look for our Oakland opening sometime in late spring. In the meantime, please contact us at

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