

Drug Related Crime Attorney Utah

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Drug related crimes cover everything from possession of a controlled medication to the distribution of an illegal substance. According to Utah State Courts, drug related crimes such as possession, distribution, or the manufacture of controlled substances are the most common crimes in the state and, in recent years, convictions for them have more than doubled. Due to the severe-nature of drug related crimes, you need an aggressive attorney who will defend your rights.

Contact the experienced drug lawyers at Wasatch Defense Attorneys today [801.980.9965](tel:801.980.9965).

Drug Crime Penalties

Depending on the classification of the drug involved and on what you were charged with, you could be facing serious jail time and hefty fines. The maximum penalties for drug related crimes are:

- Keep you out of jail,
- Class B misdemeanor: up to 6 months jail time and up to \$1,000 in fines.
- Class A misdemeanor: up to 1 year jail time and up to \$2,500 in fines.
- Third-degree felony: Up to 5 years in prison and up to \$5,000 in fines.
- Second-degree felony: 1-15 years jail time and up to \$10,000 in fines.
- First-degree felony: 5 years to life in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines.

These only reflect the maximum penalty and not the average penalty. Depending on whether or not it is your first offense, you could be facing a lower penalty than if it was your second or subsequent offense. For example, [recent law changes](#) have made possession of Schedule I & II drugs—for a first offense—only a Class A misdemeanor

rather than a third-degree felony, which is what it used to be.

Drug Crime Defense Practice Areas

Wasatch Defense Lawyers have 100+ years of experience successfully defending various drug charges including:

Utah Drug Classifications

Different types of drugs are divided into a unique classification called schedules. These schedules begin at V and end at I. A drug's classification is determined by how addictive it is and if it has any medical use.

- **Schedule I drugs:**

Have a high potential for abuse and no commonly accepted medical use in the United States. Some examples are Marijuana, Peyote, heroin, cocaine, opium and LSD.

- **Schedule II drugs:**

Have a high potential for abuse, but can be used for some medical purposes in the United States. Common examples are GHB and Ketamine.

- **Schedule III drugs:**

Have a lower potential for abuse than Schedule I or II drugs, and have commonly accepted medical uses in the United States. An example is anabolic steroids.

- **Schedule IV drugs:**

Have a lower potential for abuse than Schedule III drugs and are commonly used for medical treatment in the United States. Examples include Xanax and Ambien.

- **Schedule V drugs:**

Have the least potential for abuse and are frequently used for medical treatment in the United States. Examples include medicines with small quantities of codeine or opium, such as prescription codeine cough syrups.

Drug Crimes Defense Attorney in Salt Lake City, UT

If you or a loved one are facing drug related crimes, it's important to speak with an experienced local attorney instead of facing the case alone. At Wasatch Defense Attorneys, our lawyers are experts at defending against drug charges and guide you through every step of the process.

Choose the attorneys who aggressively defend you – Wasatch Defense Attorneys
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Guard Your Rights

Do NOT Waive Your Right to Legal Counsel! Authorities will try get you to incriminate yourself and suggest there is

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