



KRATOM FIELD GUIDE



WHAT IS KRATOM?

Kratom is an herbal substance that has a stimulant and opioid-like effect. It is plant material from *Mitragyna speciosa*, imported mostly from Southeast Asia; it contains **mitragynine** (common in leaf) and **7 hydroxymitragynine** (more potent, naturally occurs in small amounts).



EFFECTS

- In low doses → stimulant-like
- In moderate doses → mild reduction in pain sensation, mood elevation
- In high doses → opioid-like effects

COMMON FORMS

Natural leaf:

- Powdered leaf (green/tan powder in bags)
- Capsules containing powder

Synthetic:

- Liquid “extract shots”
- Resins, pastes or “ultra enhanced” products
- Vapes
- Gummies or other food items
- Tablets or capsules containing powder
- Prepackaged retail products from smoke shops or gas stations

WHAT'S LEGAL VS ILLEGAL?


Legal to possess

- **Natural kratom leaf material**
(raw or powdered)

Illegal — Schedule I Opiates

All extracts, enhanced products and semi-synthetic derivatives, including:

- **7 Hydroxymitragynine (7 OH)**
- **Mitragynine pseudoindoxyl**
- **MGM 15 (dihydro 7 hydroxymitragynine)**
- **7 Acetoxy mitragynine**
- Chemically modified kratom compounds
- Concentrated liquid shots, pastes, resins
- Any product labeled “**extract,**” “**enhanced,**” “**ultra,**” “**max strength,**” “**shot,**” “**50x,**” “**100x,**” etc.
- Natural kratom leaf products (**Mitragynine**) in prohibited forms such as capsules, tablets, liquids, and drinks.*

 *Officers cannot determine legality by appearance alone; lab confirmation is required.*

* Natural kratom is not permitted to be processed into, or marketed as, a food, drug, or dietary supplement. Products that do not comply with Ohio’s food safety law (ORC 3715) are Schedule I controlled substances.



Retail packaging indicators:

- **Bold labels** (“Maeng Da,” “Bali,” “Trainwreck”)
- Packages labeled **7-OH, 7-hydroxymitragynine or 7-hydroxymitragynine**
- Products marketed as **Pseudo indoxyl, MGM 15** or research chemicals
- **Color-coded** strains (red, green, white)
- Powders mixed with other substances (**Phenibut, Tianeptine, Kava**)
- **Liquid shots** packaged like energy shots (1- to 3-ounce bottles)
- Pouches resembling **protein powder or tea**
- Packages labeled **Ultra/Extra Strength/Enhanced/50x/100x**
- Tablets, capsules, and other product forms for oral consumption

EVIDENCE-HANDLING CHECKLIST

Do:

- ✓ Keep original packaging and labels.
- ✓ Note appearance: powder/capsule/liquid/resin.
- ✓ Submit at least one of these: tablet, capsule, energy drink, food product.
- ✓ Submit at a minimum of 5 grams of powder.
- ✓ Separate different product types and brands.
- ✓ Call BCI prior to submitting large seizures.

Do not:

- ✗ Assume capsules are legal.
- ✗ Rely on packaging to determine legality.
- ✗ Discard packaging — it is critical evidence.
- ✗ Rely on strain names to determine legality.
- ✗ Submit for quantitative testing.
- ✗ Submit a large case without contacting BCI first.

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WHERE IS KRATOM SOLD?

Officers typically encounter kratom in:

- Smoke shops/vape stores
- Gas stations & convenience stores
- “Wellness” or herbal supplement shops
- Online shipments/mail deliveries

Visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/BCI
or call 1-855-BCI-OHIO.



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