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Meta Description: Are you facing criminal charges for illegal possession of prescription drugs in the state of Texas? Contact us today for a FREE evaluation of your case.

Austin DWI Prescription Drugs Lawyer

Prescription drug cases are serious business. While doctors prescribe drugs, abusing them is an offense that can be very costly.

Prosecutors are taking the rise in prescription drug cases very seriously. They are pursuing convictions in these cases relentlessly. If convicted, you would have a criminal record that could follow you for the rest of your life.

You could be facing jail time if charged with possession of illegally obtained prescription drugs. You may also lose any professional licenses you currently have. As a result of these charges, you may have a hard time finding employment.

Consequences of Possessing Illegal Prescription Drugs

Texas has harsh penalties for prescription drug abuse. Depending on your charges, you could be facing significant jail time, long probation periods, and hefty fines.

Possession of Xanax, Ritalin, and Valium are just a few of the examples of prescription drugs that may land you in serious legal hot water. You could be charged with a felony or a misdemeanor. Your charges may depend on the amount and kind of drug in your possession.

How Drug Possession Cases are Prosecuted in Texas

In the state of Texas, the burden of proof rests with the state. The state must prove three things:

• They must show that you illegally possessed the prescription drug on your person or with your physical possessions.

- They must also demonstrate you were aware you were in possession of the drugs.
- The state must also prove you knew the drugs were illegal.

Failing to prove all three of these requirements, you may be able to avoid jail time. You may be able to instead seek drug treatment and rehabilitation.

Understanding Illegal Possession of Prescription Drugs

If you are in possession of a medical drug that was not prescribed to you by a doctor, you are breaking the law. The <u>Texas Controlled Substances Act</u> created penalty groups for different drugs.

These groups establish certain penalties based on how the drugs are classified. Another deciding factor of the penalty is the weight of the drug in question. If there are other additives mixed in with the drug, that can also affect the severity of the penalty.

Why Does the Amount of Illegal Prescription Drugs Matter?

If you are charged with illegal possession of prescription drugs, certain amounts could lead to drug trafficking charges., The charge would stipulate that because the amount of the drug is so high, it indicates intent to sell or distribute the drug.

The number of drugs in your possession that would trigger these additional charges vary based on the drug. A skilled attorney can help you understand the severity of these charges brought by the prosecutor in your area.

Doctor Shopping for Prescription Drugs in Texas

Another way you could face serious charges for illegal possession of prescription drugs is through doctor shopping. This tactic involves visiting multiple doctors to get more of the prescription drug in question.

People who do doctor shopping do so to obtain more of the drug. These people may lie about their condition or other factors to try to trick doctors into prescribing them more of the drug.

Possible Defenses an Experienced DWI Prescription Drug Lawyer May Employ

Dealing with illegal prescription drug charges in Texas is difficult. The law can be very confusing to laypeople. Many people charged with illegal possession of prescription drugs in Texas believe they have no defense.

A skilled Texas law firm understands the nuances of the law. There may be several legal defense options available for charges of illegal possession of prescription drugs.

Some of these possible defenses include:

- The drugs in question were not yours
- You have a prescription for the drugs in question
- You were not in control of the drugs in question
- You did not have enough of the drug to warrant an arrest
- The drugs were lost
- Your arrest was the result of entrapment
- You were the victim of a Fourth Amendment violation against illegal search and seizure of your person, property, or premises

None of these methods are guaranteed. But these legal defenses indicate your case may not be as open and shut as it seems.

How Can an Austin Prescription Drug Attorney Help Me?

A skilled attorney with experience in prescription drug cases can help you navigate the often-confusing world of the law. The Law Offices of Randall B. Isenberg has over 30 years of experience.

Randy Isenberg can review your case and help determine whether your charges violated your protection under the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution. This amendment asserts citizens are protected from illegal searches or seizures.

Some charges are dismissed because law enforcement agencies did not have reasonable suspicion for searching you, your vehicle, or your premises. If charges are not dismissed, Randy Isenberg can take your case to trial and represent you through the process.

Choose An Experienced Austin DWI Prescription Drug Lawyer with a Winning Track Record

If you choose to hire an attorney to defend you in court, you will need an attorney with experience in cases involving illegal possession of prescription drugs in Texas. Randy Isenberg has the experience, qualifications, and case results to give you the best chance for a favorable outcome for your case.

Some of his accomplishments include:

- selected for inclusion in the list of "Texas Super Lawyers" for the year 2006 printed in Texas Monthly Magazine
- selected for inclusion in the list as a Top Texas Lawyer in 2006 and 2007 by a Thomson Reuters service
- Board Certified in Criminal Defense by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- certified as a Criminal Defense Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA)

Every person is presumed innocent until convicted of a crime. We believe every person charged deserves the best possible defense for their case. Call our office at (214) 658-1619 or <u>contact us</u> for your free case evaluation.