



KRATOM FIELD GUIDE



Update on Ohio Emergency Order 2025 08D

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)
- **Capsules** containing ONLY natural leaf powder

* As of early 2026, encapsulated products containing natural leaf material are legal to possess but illegal to manufacture, warehouse or sell (retail establishments) in Ohio. The Ohio Department of Agriculture and local health departments are responsible for enforcing this law.

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 Acetoxymitragynine**
- Chemically modified kratom compounds
- Concentrated liquid shots, pastes, resins
- Any product labeled “**extract,**” “**enhanced,**” “**ultra,**” “**max strength,**” “**shot,**” “**50x,**” “**100x,**” etc.

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

** These illicit forms are the ones targeted by Emergency Order 2025 08D.



- 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**

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

Retail packaging indicators:

- **Bold labels** (“Maeng Da,” “Bali,” “Trainwreck”)
- Packages labeled **7-OH, 7-hydroxymitragynine or 7-hydroxy-mitragynine**

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