



## Consumer and Retailer Notice: Kratom-Related Products Now Illegal in Ohio

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**Effective December 12, 2025, OAC 4729:9-1-01.1 makes all forms kratom-related products, except for products composed solely of mitragynine, illegal to sell, possess, or distribute in the state of Ohio. For more information on this emergency rule, see the Board of Pharmacy's 3-Factor Analysis ([www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/7OH](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/7OH)) and Governor DeWine's [Executive Order](#).**

**A copy of the emergency rule is available at the end of this document.**

### What is considered a kratom-related product?

A kratom-related product includes all derivatives of kratom, except for products that contain only mitragynine. This includes, but is not limited to, the following formulations of kratom-related products:

- 7-hydroxymitragynine (sometimes referred to as 7-OH);
- Mitragynine pseudoindoxyl;
- Dihydro-7-hydroxy mitragynine; and
- 7-acetoxymitragynine.

## Does this ban apply to kratom products that contain only mitragynine such as natural kratom in its vegetation form?

No. The rule does not prohibit the sale, possession, or distribution of kratom products containing only mitragynine, including natural kratom in its vegetation form. Any product that contains both mitragynine and another derivative of kratom, such as 7-hydroxymitragynine (sometimes referred to as 7-OH), would be illegal to sell, possess, or distribute under this rule.

## How do I identify kratom-related products banned under this rule?

Retailers should look for any products (capsules, tablets, vapes, gummies, drinks, etc.) that contain any kratom-related compounds, including the following ingredients:

- 7-hydroxymitragynine (sometimes referred to as 7-OH);
- Mitragynine pseudoindoxyl;
- Dihydro-7-hydroxy mitragynine; and
- 7-acetoxymitragynine.



Examples of kratom-related products. US Food and Drug Administration. Preventing the Next Wave of the Opioid Epidemic: What You Need to Know About 7-OH. <https://www.fda.gov/media/187913/download?attachment>. Accessed Nov. 12, 2025.

**What do I do if I discover kratom-related products on my shelves or in my possession?**

These products should be disposed of immediately.

**What are the next steps the Board is considering to address kratom and kratom-related products in Ohio?**

***For Kratom-Related Products:*** The emergency rule banning kratom-related products is effective for 180 days. During this time, the Board will propose a permanent rule to ban all kratom-related products in the state.

***For Kratom Products (mitragynine only):*** For those kratom products that are not covered by this rule, [Governor DeWine is asking the Ohio Board of Pharmacy](#) to pursue the scheduling of mitragynine, the active opioid compound found in the natural kratom plant. This pathway recognizes that legislation establishing kratom regulations has been introduced and will allow for hearings on the topic by all interested parties.

4729:9-1-01..1      **Mitragynine-related compounds.**

The following are classified as schedule I controlled substances:

(A) Mitragynine-related compounds, whether synthetic or naturally occurring substances contained in the plant, or in the resinous extractives of mitragyna speciosa (also known as kratom) and/or synthetic substances, derivatives, prodrugs, isomers, esters, ethers, salts and salts of isomers, esters and ethers with similar chemical structure.

Mitragynine-related compounds include, but are not limited to, the following: 7-hydroxymitragynine; mitragynine pseudoindoxyl; dihydro-7-hydroxy mitragynine; and 7-acetoxymitragynine. Mitragynine-related compounds do not include any of the following:

(1) Any dangerous drug that is the subject of an application approved by the United States food and drug administration under subsections 505(c) or (j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(c) or (j)) (December 12, 2025) for marketing as a dangerous drug;

(2) Any compound used in food consistent with either:

(a) A food additive regulation published in the United States code of federal regulations; or

(b) A "no questions response" issued by the United States food and drug administration in response to a generally recognized as safe notice.

(3) Any drug approved by the United States food and drug administration to that may be lawfully sold over the counter without a prescription in accordance with section 505G of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355h) (December 12, 2025).

(4) Mitragynine.

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