



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 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) 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? (Updated 12/16/2025)

A kratom-related product includes all derivatives of kratom including, but not limited to, the following:

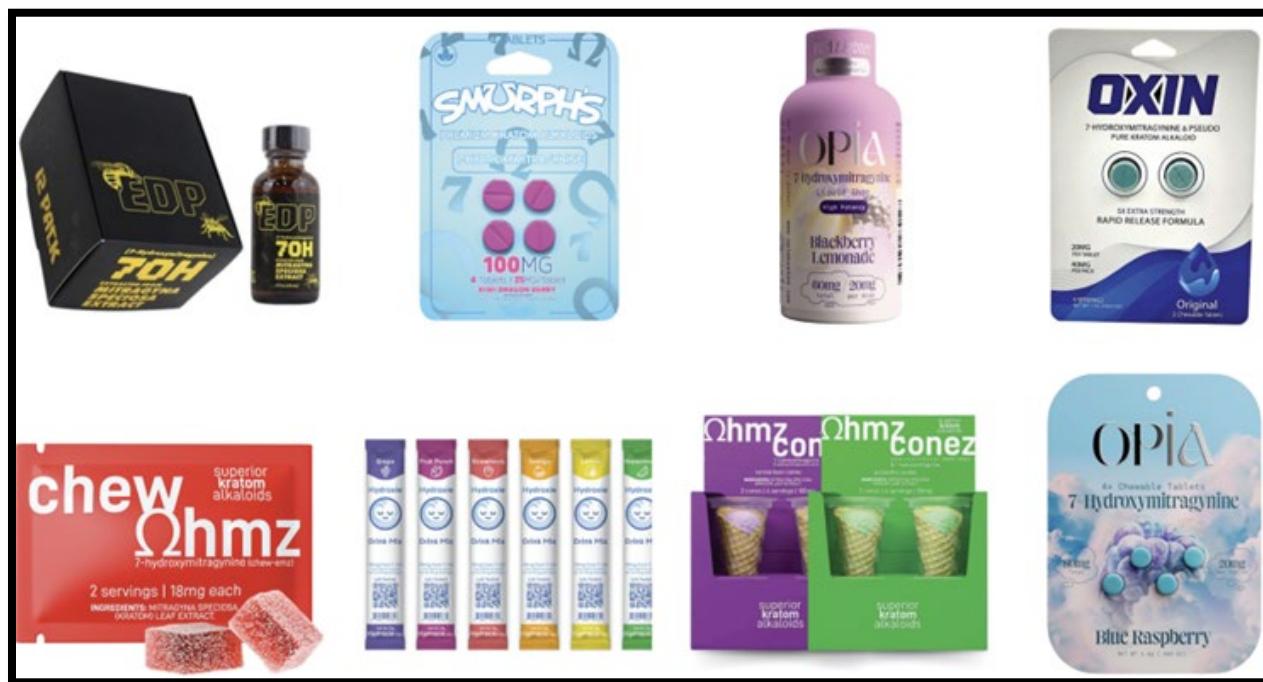
- 7-hydroxymitragynine (sometimes referred to as 7-OH);
- Mitragynine pseudoindoxyl;
- Dihydro-7-hydroxy mitragynine; and
- 7-acetoxymitragynine.

IMPORTANT: This rule **does not** apply to isolated mitragynine, including products that are comprised of natural kratom in its vegetation form.

How do I identify kratom-related products banned under this rule? (Updated 12/16/2025)

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.

Does this ban apply to kratom products such as natural kratom in its vegetation form? (Updated 2/4/2026)

No. The Governor's Executive Order specifically exempts natural kratom in vegetation form. Therefore, any kratom products that are comprised of natural kratom in its vegetation form are not subject to the ban. Vegetation form refers to the natural plant matter, specifically the

leaves of the *Mitragyna speciosa* tree, as opposed to concentrated extracts or synthesized derivatives.

Natural kratom may still be subject to restrictions per the Ohio Department of Agriculture (see next question for more information).

Does the rule impact kratom in its natural vegetation state that contains trace amounts of 7-hydroxymitragine (7-OH)? (Updated 2/4/2026)

Kratom that is sold in its natural vegetation state that contains trace amounts of 7-OH is not banned under the emergency rule. The Governor's Executive Order specifically exempts natural kratom in vegetation form. Regardless of whether the Board of Pharmacy's emergency rule applies to a specific product, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) is responsible for food and dietary product safety.

Under existing Ohio law and consistent with ODA's legal authority, natural kratom may only be sold in its whole or dried leaf form or powdered form as long as it is not marketed as a food, drug, or dietary supplement. For example, it cannot be labeled with instructions on how to make it into a tea, nor can it be encapsulated (which would indicate that it is intended to take by mouth).

Those engaged in the sale of natural kratom in vegetation form are strongly encouraged to contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Food Safety (614-728-6250 / foodsafety@agri.ohio.gov) with any questions.

Are there any additional requirements for the sale of natural kratom in vegetation form? (Update 2/4/2026)

Yes. Those engaged in the sale of natural kratom in vegetation form are strongly encouraged to contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Food Safety (614-728-6250 / foodsafety@agri.ohio.gov) with any questions.

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.