

Dear Lobachevsky University students,

The information below has the purpose to inform you about the consequences of illegal use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

Very regrettably, we have some cases when UNN students become involved in crimes related to the acquisition, use and distribution of narcotic drugs.

Thus, on March 23, 2020, two international students of Lobachevsky University were detained by law enforcement agencies for their involvement in the distribution of narcotic drugs. They are under arrest.

In December 2017, officers of the Department for Drug Control of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation for the Nizhny Novgorod region detained two UNN students when they were receiving a mailed item at the post office. When the content of the mailed item was examined, a large quantity of LSD narcotic was found in it.

A criminal case was initiated against the recipient of the mailing item on the grounds of the elements of the crime provided for in Art. 229.1. of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation. As a result, the student was sentenced to a long prison term. This article of the Criminal Code provides for the punishment in the form of deprivation of liberty for a period of ten years inclusive, with a fine of up to one million roubles.

In view of the fact that some Lobachevsky University students become involved in offences related to the illegal distribution of narcotic drugs, we inform you about the following and ask you to bear in mind some very important things:

The Federal Law "On narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances" lays down legal grounds for state policy in the field of turnover of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, as well as in the field of suppression of their illegal circulation in order to protect the health of citizens, state and public security.

The Law specifies that narcotic drugs are substances of synthetic or natural origin and preparations included in the list of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors that are subject to control in the Russian Federation in accordance with domestic legislation and international treaties to which the Russian Federation is a party, including the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961.

Under Article 40 of Federal Law No. 3 of 8 January 1998 "On narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances", the use of narcotic drugs is prohibited in the Russian Federation.

Anyone suspected of using drugs, especially when driving, may be taken by law enforcement personnel without explanation for a medical examination to establish whether they are using drugs.

The use, dispatch, distribution and turnover of narcotic drugs and plant products, including their cultivation for own needs (hashish, marijuana, hemp, poppy, cannabis) in the Russian Federation is prohibited by law.

Narcotic drugs propaganda, as well as the cultivation of plants containing narcotic substances, and their sale through the Internet or mobile communication are also punishable by law.

In accordance with the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (No. 63-FZ of 13 June 1996), the following types of liability are established for the commission of offences related to illicit trafficking in

narcotic drugs:

Article 228 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation, Part 2. Illegal acquisition, storage, transportation, making or processing of narcotic drugs, without the purpose of selling, as well as illegal acquisition, storage and transportation of plants containing narcotics or psychotropic substances, or parts thereof containing narcotic substances on a large scale, without the purpose of sale - shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of three to ten years with or without a fine in an amount of up to 500 thousand roubles or in the amount of the wage or salary, or any other income of the convicted person for a period of up to three years and with restriction of liberty for a term of up to one year or without such.

Part 3 of this Article: the same deeds committed on an especially large scale - shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of 10 to 15 years with or without a fine in an amount of up to 500 thousand roubles or in the amount of the wage or salary, or any other income of the convicted person for a period of up to three years and with restriction of liberty for a term of up to one and a half years or without such.

Article 228.1 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation: Illegal making, sale or dispatch of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or analogues thereof, as well as illegal sale or dispatch of plants containing narcotics or psychotropic substances or parts thereof containing narcotics or psychotropic substances, - shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of four to eight years with restriction of liberty for a term of up to one year or without such.

Part 2 of this Article, sale of narcotic drugs:

Paragraph (a) - in a remand centre, correctional institution, administrative building, building for administrative purposes, educational organization, sports, railway, air, sea, inland water transport or subway facilities, in the territory of a military unit, public transport or premises used for entertainment or leisure;

Paragraph (b) - using the mass media or electronic or information and telecommunications networks (including the Internet), - shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for periods of between five and twelve years, with or without a fine of up to five hundred thousand roubles, or in the amount of wages or other income of the convicted person for a period of up to three years and with restriction of liberty for a term of up to one year or without such.

Part 5. The deeds provided for by Parts One, Two, Three and Four of this Article which are committed on an especially large scale - shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of 15 to 20 years with and with or without a fine in an amount of up to one million roubles or in the amount of the wage or salary, or any other income of the convicted person for a period of up to five years or by life imprisonment.

The information provided here is intended to clarify the Russian legislation on illegal drug trafficking and to help you avoid serious problems.

It is important to always keep in mind that any use of narcotic drugs is illegal and will ruin your life!