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Narcotics Paraphernalia

Michigan Liquor Control Commission Rule 436.1011(6)(e) prohibits narcotics paraphernalia (drug paraphernalia) from being used, stored, exchanged or sold on the licensed premises. Narcotics paraphernalia can best be described as any equipment, product, or materials used in concealing, producing, processing, preparing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body controlled substances, which are unlawful under state, federal or local law.

The following is a partial list of items that could be construed as narcotics paraphernalia:

Metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic, ceramic pipes, or other pipes not sold in conjunction with loose tobacco products or not customarily used to smoke loose

- Tobacco;
- Small pipe screens, not sold in conjunction with loose tobacco and tobacco pipes;
- Water pipes, when no loose tobacco products are available for sale;
- Roach clips;
- Miniature spoons, not sold with gift sets;
- Bongs;
- "Love Roses" or "rose pipes";
- Glass pens;
- Chore Boys and other copper or steel wool pads sold individually or sold in cut up form;
- Grinders;
- Small baggies, not sold in conjunction with jewelry;
- Individual razor blades;
- Blunts, when no tobacco products are also available for sale;
- Rolling papers, when no loose tobacco products are available for sale;
- Scales and balances;
- Small mirrors, not sold with other health & beauty aid products;
- Hypodermic syringes, not sold in conjunction with medical supplies;
- Lolli-pipe, edible smoking pipes;

The above list is by no means all inclusive. In some cases, the questionable items may be deemed acceptable when sold with other inventory items indicating acceptable use. Such as, rolling papers and corn cob pipes would be allowed if the location was a tobacconist and sold loose tobacco. Licensees should be cautious of merchandise salespersons advising them that certain items are legal. If you have any questions on whether merchandise sold in your establishment would be considered narcotics or drug paraphernalia, please contact the Enforcement Division of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission at (517) 322-1370.

Additional narcotics paraphernalia information can be viewed at the U. S. Drug Enforcement Agency website at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/concern/paraphernaliafact.html>