

Cannabis Security Checklist

Dispensaries are in the spotlight frequently, and their [security practices](#) are heavily monitored compared to other businesses; therefore, creating a security plan is a must. Here's a list so you can check all the boxes:

Are you familiar with the security regulations for dispensaries in your jurisdiction? These must inform your marijuana security plan.

Opt for the highest-quality video you can afford and select a system that includes sound, if possible. This will not only help you comply with regulations but also serve as a deterrent for potential thieves. Remote monitoring is extremely important, so you want your access control system and video surveillance to work together to allow you to monitor access logs and visual reports at all times.

ARE THE CORRECT VIDEO SURVEILLANCE PROCEDURES IN PLACE?

- ☐ Check the surveillance requirements for your jurisdiction here and write the main factors in the spaces below
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REGARDLESS OF YOUR JURISDICTION:

- ☐ Do you have the minimum camera resolution?
- ☐ Do you have the correct minimum frames per second?
- ☐ Is the system in use 24-7?
- ☐ Can you store the footage for at least 90 days (if not one year?)
- ☐ Does your system include the best [monitoring option](#)?

IS ACCESS CONTROL IN PLACE?

- ☐ Regardless of your jurisdiction, most states require that an access control system be in place.
 - ☐ Can you ensure that only those who are authorized to be in the dispensary can enter the facility, it will track who enters using their credentials, and the system will provide protection during hours you are closed.
- ☐ Do you have an [access control system](#) plan to stop unauthorized access to a specific area of your dispensary, such as a [warehouse](#) where you store extra products.
- ☐ Do you have [additional locks](#) and access control in place for the storage area. In Canada, you are [legally required](#) to store cannabis, that is not on display, in a storage room that is locked and has controlled access.

INTRUSION ALARMS

Since it is unlikely that someone is there 24/7, you should make sure you have an alarm system of some sort that will notify you and the authorities if someone breaks in or attempts to.

- ☐ Do you have basic security systems in place, such as [intrusion alarms](#) that activate when you are not in the dispensary.
- ☐ The most common loss of revenue in the marijuana industry is a result of [employee theft](#); therefore, don't forget to include background checks of employees in your marijuana security plan
- ☐ Do you maintain a visitor record or register?

MARIJUANA TRANSPORTATION

Transporting cannabis, cash or other items puts your business at risk; therefore, every cannabis security plan must include armored transport, also referred to as marijuana vans.