



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 1301:18-8-05 Minimum Security and Surveillance Requirements.

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(A) Each dispensary shall establish, maintain, and comply with written policies and procedures that ensure adequate security, surveillance, and control of the licensed premises that prevent diversion, theft, or loss and meet the minimum requirements outlined under this rule.

Pursuant to rule 1301:18-8-02 of the Administrative Code each dispensary shall petition the division of cannabis control prior to implementing any major modification to the facility's security procedures, systems, or equipment.

(B) Prior to the commencement of business, each dispensary shall meet the following security and surveillance requirements that ensure compliance with all standards established by the division:

(1) Designate a secure, limited access area for all equipment maintained pursuant to this rule that is accessible only by authorized registered dispensary employees with foundational training in security and surveillance;

(2) Install a security alarm system with commercial grade equipment that includes the following:

(a) An access alarm on all entry points and windows;

(b) Motion detectors that identify unauthorized access into the facility; and

(c) A silent alarm, which may be utilized during instances of duress that sends a pre-recorded voice message to the facility's designated security personnel and law enforcement, public safety, or emergency services requesting dispatch, which includes the capability to enter a designated code into an arming station to signal that the alarm user is being forced to turn off the system.

(3) Install a video surveillance system that complies with the following:



- (a) Capable of electronic monitoring of the facility and real-time access by the division;
 - (b) Collects twenty-four-hour live video feed with motion-activated recording capabilities for all video cameras that record in at least fifteen frames per second;
 - (c) Archives and retains recordings for at least forty-five calendar days;
 - (d) Contains a display monitor with a minimum screen size of nineteen inches;
 - (e) Exports still images in an industry standard format that guarantees authentication and prevents alteration of the recorded images;
 - (f) Produces clear color still photographs that are a minimum of 600 x 600 dpi from any camera image, live or recorded;
 - (g) Embeds a date and time stamp on all recordings; and
 - (h) Includes a failure notification system that provides an audible and visual notification of any failure in the electronic monitoring system.
- (4) Install unobstructed cameras in a manner that prevents tampering, captures the entirety of the licensed premises, and clearly identifies all individuals and activities within the surveilled area;
- (5) Camera placement at all the following locations:
- (a) All points of ingress and egress;
 - (b) All secure, limited access areas;
 - (c) Any area that stores cannabis or facility inventory;
 - (d) The facility's cannabis destruction and disposal area;



- (e) All areas where sales proceeds are stored or transferred; and
 - (f) Each point of sale.
- (6) Daily records of all registered employees' access to any secure, limited access areas;
- (7) Develop emergency policies and procedures for securing all inventory and currency in the event of diversion, theft, or loss; and
- (8) Any other requirements the division deems necessary to maintain proper security and surveillance and ensure public safety.
- (C) Each dispensary shall inspect and test all security and surveillance equipment at least once per month to ensure functionality.
- (1) Pursuant to rule 1301:18-3-16 of the Administrative Code, each dispensary shall record and maintain of all security and surveillance equipment tests.
- (2) Each dispensary shall notify the division of any failure in the facility's security or surveillance system or equipment.
- Any necessary repair or replacement shall occur within twenty-four hours of identification.
- (D) In the event a dispensary is made aware of any pending criminal, civil, or administrative investigations or legal proceedings for which a video recording may contain relevant information, the dispensary shall retain an unaltered copy of the recording until the investigation or proceeding is closed or the entity conducting the investigation or proceeding notifies the dispensary that it is not necessary to retain the recording.