



CALIFORNIA: TRANSPORTATION OF CANNABIS

Disclaimer: This lesson is only for the state of California where the cultivating, manufacturing, distribution, and retail sale of cannabis is legal. Cannabis is illegal under federal law. This lesson is only for the legal transportation of cannabis in the borders of California.

INTRODUCTION

Due to cannabis being illegal under federal law, distributors can only transport cannabis within the borders of California. The transportation of cannabis is regulated by the Bureau of Cannabis Control. Distributors of cannabis can only travel between licensees who ship or receive cannabis goods and their own licensed premises.

Note: Only employees and security personnel age 21 or older may transport or be in the transport vehicle.

METHODS OF TRANSPORTING CANNABIS

The following methods cannot be used for the transportation of cannabis:

- Aircraft
- Watercraft
- Drone
- Rail
- Human powered vehicle (bikes, skateboards, velomobiles, etc.)
- Unmanned vehicle (any vehicle that is operated by a remote or computer system)

NOTE: Under no circumstances may non-cannabis goods, except for cannabis accessories and licensees' branded merchandise or promotional materials be transported with cannabis goods.

SHIPPING MANIFEST

Prior to transporting cannabis goods, a shipping manifest should be generated through the track and trace system. A shipping manifest should accompany every transport of cannabis.

A shipping manifest should be created for the following activities:

- Testing and sampling
- Sale of cannabis to a licensee
- Destruction or disposal of cannabis goods
- Any other activity as required by other licensing authorities or the Bureau of Cannabis Control

Prior to the transport of cannabis goods, the shipping manifest should be transmitted to the Bureau of Cannabis Control and the receiving licensee.





CALIFORNIA: TRANSPORTATION OF CANNABIS

SECURITY

Any cannabis transported from a licensed premise must be transported in a vehicle or a trailer.

To help protect against the theft of cannabis during transportation, distributors should do the following:

- Keep all cannabis from being visible or identifiable from the outside of the vehicle or trailer.
- Lock all cannabis goods in a box, container, or cage that is secured to the inside of the vehicle or trailer.
 - This includes the trunk of a vehicle.
- Lock and secure the vehicle and trailer when the vehicle and trailer must be left unattended.
- Do NOT leave a vehicle or trailer containing cannabis unattended in a residential area.
 - This includes leaving a vehicle or trailer parked overnight in a residential area.
- Do NOT deviate from the transportation route. Except for necessary rest, fuel, or vehicle repair shops.
- Do NOT open or tamper with any packages or containers that contain cannabis goods.

Delivery vehicles should be outfitted with a dedicated Global Positioning System (GPS).

ALARMS

In addition to the security precautions listed above, a distributor should have, at minimum, a vehicle alarm system on all transport vehicles and trailers. In addition to the vehicle alarm system, distributors can use the following:

- Motion detectors
- Pressure switches
- Duress alarm
- Panic alarm
- Hold-up alarm

CONCLUSION

The transportation of cannabis is highly regulated in the state of California. Cannabis can only be transported within the state of California. If employees go beyond the borders of California, they may be subject to prosecution under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA).

The transportation of cannabis can only be done between licensees and a distributor's licensed premises.

