

**Interagency Agreement
Between**

Department of Consumer and Business Services, Oregon OSHA

and the

Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC)

Introduction

Recreational Cannabis was approved for adults 21 years of age and older by 2014 Ballot Measure 91. With the introduction of recreational marijuana to the Oregon business market, the newly regulated businesses have presented unique challenges related to safety and health hazards in the workplace.

The interagency agreement (IAA) between Oregon OSHA and OLCC describes the roles and responsibilities as it relates to enforcement and regulations of licensed marijuana producers and licensed marijuana extract processors.

Collaboration and Cooperation

In the effort to provide regulatory and enforcement oversight and to provide the most efficient resources to employers and employees to analyze workplace hazards, Oregon OSHA and OLCC will share information and resources as appropriate in the best interest of the State of Oregon, the business industry, and Oregon workers. Oregon OSHA and OLCC will work together in a coordinated manner to achieve the agency missions.

Communications

Oregon OSHA and OLCC will notify each other agency's public information officer as it relates to enforcement actions regarding workplace safety of licensed marijuana producers and licensed marijuana extract processors, prior to releasing the information to the public. Because some records shared between Oregon OSHA and OLCC may contain information that is exempt from disclosure under Oregon law, Oregon OSHA and OLCC will consult with each other through the agencies' respective public information officers prior to releasing any information to the public.

Legislation and Rulemaking

Oregon OSHA and OLCC will notify each other agency's policy managers if they are aware of pending legislation and rulemaking relating to workplace safety in licensed marijuana production and licensed marijuana extract processor facilities take place.

Referrals

In the event that Oregon OSHA or the OLCC become aware of a licensed marijuana producer or licensed marijuana extract processor out of compliance with the other agency's laws or rules, a referral will be sent to the other agency. Each agency will follow their respective policies and procedures for dealing with referrals in a timely manner.

Training and Education

Oregon OSHA and OLCC agree to help each others agency with training and education opportunities for staff to develop shared knowledge in the area of marijuana production, extraction, and other workplace hazards related to the cannabis industry.

Oregon OSHA and OLCC will work cooperatively to provide outreach and education to the cannabis business community.

Roles and Responsibilities

Oregon OSHA will enforce all issues related to employee safety and health as provided by ORS 654, Oregon Safe Employment Act. Oregon OSHA will follow laws and rules related to housekeeping, cleaning, and employee hazardous exposures. Oregon OSHA will be the final authority related to employee safety and health.

OLCC will enforce all matters related to recreational marijuana regulation as provided by ORS 475B. OLCC will be the final authority related to recreational cannabis regulation as provided by ORS 475B.

Oregon OSHA will ensure that any collecting and testing of air contaminants or fugitive dust emissions sampling of cannabis for hazardous employee safety and health conditions from cannabis business employers, will not be sent out of state and will only be evaluated in Oregon certified laboratories.

Oregon OSHA and OLCC will review this agreement annually to ensure most current law and rule compliance.

Oregon OSHA Responsibilities

1. Oregon OSHA will provide OLCC with employer inspections¹ information related to marijuana business operations.
2. Oregon OSHA will provide OLCC with employer violation data related to licensed marijuana producers and licensed extract processors, and other marijuana related facilities.
3. Oregon OSHA will investigate hazards related to employee safety and health in recreation marijuana businesses, with an attention on housekeeping, cleaning and tracking of air contaminants or cannabis dust. Oregon OSHA may investigate other hazardous issues related to employee safety and health.

OLCC Responsibilities

1. OLCC will provide Oregon OSHA with employer contact information related to licensed marijuana producers and extract processors.

Amendments

This IAA can be amended for any reason. The terms of this IAA will not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented or mended in any manner whatsoever, except by written instrument signed by both parties.

Effective Date and Duration

This IAA will be effective upon signature by the Administrator of Oregon OSHA and the Administrator of the OLCC. The agreement will remain in effect, unless amended, extended, or terminated. This agreement will be reviewed annually, or as needed, depending on changes to laws and rules.

Termination

This IAA may be terminated immediately upon written mutual consent of both parties or at such time as the parties may agree in the written consent. This agreement will remain in force until terminated by either party given thirty days' notice by the other.

¹ Information cannot be provided on employer until the inspection is closed.

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