



## CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD

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**Subject:** Re: CCB Public Records Request

Dr. Spaulding,

Thank you for your below records request.

Neither an adult-use retail establishment nor a medical dispensary is required to employ a licensed pharmacist. The practice of pharmacy is defined by interactions with prescription drugs and orders therefor, and cannabis and cannabis products are not prescription drugs. See 26 V.S.A. 2002(15)&(17).

With respect to "steps . . . taken to prevent money laundering by the cannabis industry," the question is too broad to answer with any particular record. Most money-laundering controls arise from federal banking regulations, and few are source specific. State-chartered banks, credit unions, and financial institutions are regulated by the Department of Financial Regulation, the agency primarily responsible for enforcement of Title 8 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, "Banking and Insurance."

The CCB's statutes and rules get at money laundering and other forms of financial misconduct by screening entrants to the market prior to licensure, by pushing licensees toward regulated financial institutions, and by closely tracking inventory from seed to sale. Relevant links are available [here](#) on our site. Rule 1.4 explains application requirements pertaining to banking and financial integrity. Rule 2 explains recordkeeping requirements. Rule 4 explains violations that may be sanctioned and the relative severity of each type.

Finally, you have asked about records "available for suicides, vehicle accidents, injuries, emergency room visits, 911 calls, mental health crises, and deaths related to or involving marijuana use." The CCB is not a research or public-health authority, so records in our custody pertaining to public health impacts tend to be studies, presentations, and reports that were relied on by one of our committees or submitted by an interested stakeholder.

On our site you can find:

- [Measuring the Impact of Retail Marijuana on Public Safety](#), Robin Joy, Crime Research Group
- [Impact of Cannabis Legalization on Impaired Driving Crashes in Vermont](#), Mandy White, VTTrans

I've also scraped our internal document directory by keyword, looking for those related to suicide, overdose, or public health. Records that are plausibly responsive to your request are attached. No responsive documents have been withheld on claim of privilege or other exemption to the Vermont Public Records Act, but the output is of dubious relevance. For public-health data, consider contacting the Vermont Department of Health and the Department of Mental Health. For 911 and public-safety data, you might consider contacting the Department of Public Safety.

Have a good weekend, and please don't hesitate to call if you have questions.





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Thanks,  
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**Subject:** CCB Public Records Request

Hello Attorney Gilman,

I would like to know if cannabis dispensaries are required to have a licensed Pharmacists on staff? I would also like to know what steps have been taken to prevent money laundering by the cannabis industry? And what records are available for suicides, vehicle accidents, injuries, emergency room visits, 911 calls, mental health crises, and deaths related to or involving marijuana use?

Thank you for your time!

- Edward Spaulding, PhD

