



ADVISORY BULLETIN

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CRA Warns of Increased Fraudulent Activity or Attempted Fraudulent Activity Against Licensed Marijuana Businesses

The Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) is issuing this bulletin to notify licensed marijuana businesses about an increase in fraudulent activity and attempted fraudulent activity.

During the months of August and September 2022, the CRA has become aware of an increase in fraudulent activity or attempted fraudulent activity against licensees. These incidents have the following themes in common:

- Licensees are contacted by phone or text message by an individual seeking to place a substantial order of marijuana or marijuana product on behalf of a licensee.
- The individual is knowledgeable about how to place an order and gives a license number associated with a licensed marijuana business to place the order.
- When the secure transporter arrives, the location of the delivery is not a licensed marijuana business.

Marijuana licensees are encouraged to have their staff verify the validity of a call or text with a manager or owner before processing any orders for marijuana or marijuana product. The CRA also recommends that marijuana licensees verify the address for delivery of an order of marijuana, or marijuana product is associated with a licensed location, prior to product delivery.

Licensees and applicants are reminded that the administrative rules require they notify the CRA and local law enforcement within 24 hours of becoming aware – or within 24 hours of when they should have been aware – of the theft or loss of any product or criminal activity at the marijuana business.

Incidents of fraudulent activity or attempted fraudulent activity that coincide with the above themes should be reported to CRA-Enforcement@michigan.gov and local law enforcement. Questions can be sent to the Cannabis Regulatory Agency Field Operations Section at the above email address.