

PLAYING IT SAFE HEALTH CARE



Medical Marijuana Dispensary Safety

Keep customers and yourself safe during a robbery

Because they often have a significant amount of cash on hand and deal in a product that isn't available elsewhere with a high resale value, medical marijuana dispensaries are increasingly becoming targets for armed robberies.

How you handle yourself while on the job can help reduce the chance for an incident. Even more importantly, how you handle yourself during a hold-up situation can prevent injury or death.

Building a Safe Atmosphere

Since a prescription from a physician is needed to purchase medical marijuana, those without a prescription should never be allowed into any area where products are displayed or transactions occur. Aggressively regulating entry can help reduce opportunity.

Hold-ups

Even when employees take all the proper precautions, there is still chance for a robbery. If such a robbery occurs while you are at work, remember the following tips:

- Try to remain as calm as possible. This will go a long way in keeping others, and the robber, calm.
- Comply with the robber's instructions.
- Announce your actions to the robber so they don't feel threatened by your movements.

- Give the robber any money or goods that they ask for without resistance, but don't offer up anything they haven't already mentioned.
- Make mental notes about the robber's appearance so you can inform police.
- Never attempt to physically stop an armed robber.
- When the robber leaves, secure the building as soon as it is safely possible.

Do what you can to make sure you stay safe during a dangerous situation; do not try to be a hero. Your first priority should be to make sure everyone on the premises remains safe by trying to bring the situation to an end as quickly as possible.

Be safe and healthy on the job at
with these helpful tips
provided by **Wheeler &
Taylor Inc.**

“If a robbery occurs while you are at work, try to remain calm and comply with the robber's demands. The most important thing is that people remain safe and that the situation ends quickly.”

This flyer is for informational purposes only and is not intended as medical or legal advice.

© 2011, 2018 Zywave, Inc. All rights reserved

**Wheeler
&
Taylor**