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To: All LCRB staff  
All licensees  
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Re: **Miscellaneous policy changes and clarifications related to non-medical cannabis retail stores including licensee's duty to report, intruder and fire alarms, ID requirements and shopping bags**

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### **1. Licensee's duty to report arrests, charges or convictions**

#### **Current Policy**

Licensees are required to report convictions for offences under the Criminal Code or drug and liquor-related offences under the *Motor Vehicle Act* or similar legislation elsewhere (in or outside of Canada).

#### **New Policy**

Licensees are required to report arrests and charges, in addition to convictions.

#### **Explanation**

This supports the Province's commitment to keeping organized crime out of the legal provincially regulated non-medical cannabis retail market, and aligns with the reporting requirements for workers in a non-medical cannabis retail store.

### **2. Intruder and fire alarms**

#### **Current Policy**

Stores must have monitored intruder and fire monitoring alarm systems.

#### **Policy Clarification**

Stores must have an audible intruder alarm system monitored by a third party and an audible fire alarm system monitored by a third party.

#### **Explanation**

This change provides clarity in response to inquiries about what an acceptable "Intruder and fire monitoring alarm system" is.

### **3. Shopping Bags**

### **Current Policy**

As per section 5(1)(a)(iii) of the Cannabis Licensing Regulation, licensees are permitted to sell to their patrons shopping bags of a class or type approved by the general manager.

### **Policy Clarification**

Shopping bags that licensees are permitted to sell to their patrons may be paper, plastic or reusable.

## **4. 4. Identification Requirements**

### **Current Policy**

A licensee is responsible for ensuring that minors do not enter their retail store and are not sold non-medical cannabis or cannabis accessories. If there is any doubt whether a patron is 19 or over, licensees and their employees must take reasonable steps to verify age by requesting two pieces of ID, examine both pieces carefully, and act on the authenticity of the identification. If a licensee or employee cannot demonstrate that they have done this, the licensee could be held responsible for allowing a minor to enter their store and/or for selling cannabis or cannabis accessories to a minor.

### **New Policy**

Adds:

- A licensee or employee can accept expired or foreign ID as long as it is readable and the customer can be recognized from the picture.
- A licensee or employee must decide on a case-by-case basis if the ID presented proves that the patron is not a minor. If the patron cannot produce two pieces of acceptable identification, service must be refused. A licensee and their employees must cooperate with an inspector or peace officer if asked to determine whether a person is a minor.

### **Explanation**

Clarifies licensee's responsibility with respect to verifying identity. This supports the Province's commitment to protecting minors.

### **Further Information**

Further information regarding liquor and cannabis control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch website at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/liquorregulationandlicensing>

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch toll free in Canada at 1-866-209-2111 or 250 952-5787 if calling from the Victoria area.

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