



Cannabis

Secure Transportation Storage Guide

For Washington State Cannabis Licensees

Laws and Rules

Only licensed cannabis producers, processors, retailers, transportation licensees, research licensees, registered cooperatives, qualifying patients, designated providers, certified third-party testing labs, and Tribes with compacts may transport cannabis exceeding the personal possession and delivery limits allowed in [RCW 69.50.360\(3\)](#) and [RCW 69.50.4013](#).

[WAC 314-55-085\(5\)\(e\)](#) states that cannabis or cannabis products must be in a locked, safe, and secure storage compartment that is secured to the inside body/compartment of the vehicle transporting the cannabis or cannabis products.

More Information

Secure Transportation Storage:

Products must have at least two levels of locked protection. The first is a lockable vehicle. The second level is a storage compartment that is locked and secured to the body of the vehicle.

Examples of compliant secure transportation storage:

- Lockable totes or boxes secured to the body of a lockable vehicle
- Lockable cage or metal netting secured to the body of a lockable vehicle
- Lockable drawers or cabinets secured to the body of a lockable vehicle

Below: Example of secondary locked barrier secured to the inside of the locked side access of a vehicle:



Below: Example of a secondary cage built within the interior of a locked vehicle:



Note: If the second locking mechanism is able to be deactivated or unlocked via a switch or button from the cab of the vehicle, it would not be compliant storage for transportation.

Below: Examples secure transportation storage that are NOT compliant:

- Product in totes in the trunk of a vehicle
- Product locked behind van doors
- A cage only between the cab and rear of the vehicle
- Lockable totes or boxes inside of a lockable vehicle that are not secured to the body of the vehicle
- Glove compartments
- Locking consoles

Below: Example of product not secured to the interior of a vehicle, making it non-compliant:



Below: Example of non-compliant secure storage in a transportation vehicle:



Note: Securing or preventing access with zip ties, straps, bungees, tape, or other similar methods of securing product does not meet the requirements of [WAC 314-55-085](#).

Secure storage is different for live plant transfers:

[WAC 314-55-085\(5\)\(g\)](#) Live plants may be transported in a fully enclosed, windowless, locked trailer, or in a secured area within the inside body/compartments of a van or box truck. A secured area is defined as an area where solid or locking metal partitions, cages, or high strength shatterproof acrylic can be used to create a secure compartment in the fully enclosed van or box truck. The secure compartment in the fully enclosed van or box truck must be free of windows. Live plants may not be transported in the bed of a pickup truck, a sports utility vehicle, or passenger car.

Contact LCB Enforcement and Education about secure transportation or other transportation requirements

Please refer to [WAC 314-55-085](#) in its entirety for more information on what is required when transporting cannabis. Transporting cannabis in a way that is not compliant with transportation WACs may result in an Administrative Violation.

If you have questions regarding transportation of cannabis products, please contact your local Cannabis Compliance Consultant. They can provide education and discuss compliant transportation. If you do not know who your Consultant or Officer is, you can call Enforcement Customer Service at 360-664-9878 or email at EnfCustomerService@lcb.wa.gov.