Privacy Rights for Cannabis Cultivation Licensees

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is committed to protecting cannabis cultivation licensees’ privacy rights and confidential information, as enumerated in Article 1 of the California Constitution, the Information Practices Act of 1977, and other state and federal statutes.

If CDFA’s CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Division is contacted regarding one of its cannabis cultivation accounts, staff members will ask specific questions to verify they are speaking with someone who is authorized to discuss the account; CDFA does not ask for a full social security number during this verification process. If CDFA employees contact a member of the public, they do not ask for personal identification information.

CDFA staff perform field inspections of licensed cannabis cultivation premises. All CDFA field staff carry badges that identify them as CDFA employees. The public has the right to ask those who say they are employed by CDFA to show their CDFA-issued identification.

For questions or concerns about the CDFA CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Division, please call 1-833-CALGROW (1-833-225-4769).