



Foundational Training Specific to Security

Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 3796:6-3-16: All dispensaries awarded a provisional dispensary license during RFAII, shall have dedicated on-site security personnel during all operational hours. On-site security personnel shall only perform tasks related to security operations and have foundational training specific to security.

If the dispensary elects to utilize dispensary employees, the employee must complete the free online training for Ohio security guards provided by Private Investigators Security Guard Services (PISGS) and maintain proof of completion of all three modules.

- Module 1: Role of a Security Guard and Private Investigator
- Module 2: Access Control
- Module 3: Ethics and Conduct

If the dispensary hires a third-party security service, it is the responsibility of the dispensary to ensure all guards meet the required PISGS training and licensure.

FAQs

What are some considerations a dispensary should have when hiring a security service?

- Request the company provide proof of licensure, and the security officer have an active PISGS registration card.
- Verify licensure of the security company at:
 - <https://services.dps.ohio.gov/PISGS/Pages/public/ProviderSearch.aspx>
- If hiring armed security, verify that the individual has a current firearm bearer certification with PISGS by calling (614) 466-4130.

Is a security guard required to have a medical marijuana employee license?

Yes. A security guard whether employed directly by the dispensary or through a third-party must be licensed as a Support Employee if the guard is expected to conduct unsupervised tasks and have key card access to restricted areas. A guard must be licensed as a Key Employee to possess physical keys or access codes to the alarm system.

Is it a requirement to contract with a third-party security company?

No. Dispensaries can utilize licensed staff employees to perform security. However, the employee shall only perform tasks related to security operations.

Are security guards required to be armed?

No. It is at the discretion of the dispensary to have armed or unarmed security. (Note: Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 3796:6-3-16 (H), if the dispensary premises present special security issues, the Board may require additional safeguards. Therefore, the Board does have the authority to require armed security if deemed necessary, but generally this is at the dispensary's discretion.)

What are the requirements of an armed or unarmed security guard?

All security guards must provide proof of completion of PISGS online training modules while working at a dispensary. Armed security guards must obtain additional training from an Ohio Police Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) certified armed security course and also comply with PISGS requirements.

Are security guards required to complete additional foundational training?

Yes. The security guard must complete foundational training required by Ohio Adm. Code 3796:6-3-16. If the security guard conducts any duties requiring access to patient confidential information, then they must complete section (C) (5) of Ohio Adm. Code 3796:6-3-19. **Persons performing security tasks shall only perform tasks related to security operations.**

Step-by-Step instructions for registering for PISGS security guard training

Visit: <https://learning.dps.ohio.gov/PSTC/>

- Select: Create New User
 - Complete User Profile
 - Click SAVE
- Select: "User Profile Sub Orgs" tab
 - Enter Occupation/Title
 - Enter Employer
 - Below Affiliation with ODPS, select Security Guard in the drop down
 - Below Register Under Which ODPS Division, Program, Unit, Section, select Private Investigator Security Guard Services in the drop down
 - CLICK SAVE
- Return to LOGIN and enter the username and password you created to access the dashboard

Each course takes about 45-minutes, and you will receive a certificate for successful completion.

- Module 1: Role of a Security Guard and Private Investigator (Course ID: WBT600)
- Module 2: Access Control (Course ID: WBT601)
- Module 3: Ethics and Conduct (Course ID: WBT602)

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User Profile

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* Indicates a mandatory field

* User ID

* First Name

Initial

* Last Name

* Email

* Password

* Confirm Password

* Address

* City

* State

* ZIP Code

* Phone

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Security Guard

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- HazMat
- Health Care
- Higher Education
- Law Enforcement
- Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Motorcycle Ohio
- National Guard
- Natural Resources
- Other
- Private Investigator
- Public Education
- Public Health
- Public Safety
- Red Cross
- Rehabilitation and Correction
- Security Guard

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- Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO)
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