

WAC 314-55-210 Will the WSLCB seize or confiscate cannabis, cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, and cannabis-infused products?
The WSLCB may seize, destroy, confiscate, or place an administrative hold on cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis concentrates, and cannabis-infused products under the following circumstances:

(1) During an unannounced or announced administrative search or inspection of licensed locations, areas of unlicensed locations used for business or commercial purposes, or vehicles involved in the transportation of cannabis products, where any product was found to be in excess of product limitations set forth in WAC 314-55-075, 314-55-077, and 314-55-079.

(2) Any product not properly logged in inventory records or untraceable product required to be in the traceability system.

(3) Cannabis, cannabis concentrates, useable cannabis, and cannabis-infused product that are altered or not properly packaged and labeled in accordance with WAC 314-55-105.

(4) During a criminal investigation, officers shall follow seizure laws detailed in RCW 69.50.505 and any other applicable criminal codes.

(5) The WSLCB may destroy any cannabis, cannabis concentrate, useable cannabis, and/or cannabis-infused products in its possession that is not identifiable through the Washington cannabis traceability system or otherwise in a form that is not compliant with Washington's cannabis statutes or rules, chapters 69.50 RCW and 314-55 WAC.

(6) WSLCB officers may order an administrative hold of cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis concentrates, and cannabis-infused products to prevent destruction of evidence, diversion or other threats to public safety, while permitting a licensee to retain its inventory pending further investigation, pursuant to the following procedure:

(a) If during an investigation or inspection of a licensee, a WSLCB officer develops reasonable grounds to believe certain cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis concentrates, and cannabis-infused products constitute evidence of acts in violation of the state laws or rules, or otherwise constitute a threat to public safety, the WSLCB officer may issue a notice of administrative hold of any such cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis concentrate, or cannabis-infused products. The notice of administrative hold shall provide a documented description of the cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis concentrate, or cannabis-infused products to be subject to the administrative hold.

(b) The licensee shall completely and physically segregate the cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis concentrate, and cannabis-infused products subject to the administrative hold in a limited access area of the licensed premises under investigation, where it shall be safeguarded by the licensee. Pending the outcome of the investigation and any related disciplinary proceeding, the licensee is prohibited from selling, giving away, transferring, transporting, or destroying the cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis concentrate, and cannabis-infused products subject to the administrative hold.

(c) Nothing herein shall prevent a licensee from the continued cultivation or harvesting of the cannabis subject to the administrative hold. All cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis concentrate, and cannabis-infused products subject to the administrative hold must be put into separate harvest batches from product not subject to the administrative hold.

(d) Following an investigation, the WSLCB may lift the administrative hold, order the continuation of the administrative hold, or

seek a final agency order for the destruction of the cannabis, useable cannabis, cannabis concentrate, and cannabis-infused products.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 69.50.342 and 2022 c 16 § 168. WSR 22-14-111, § 314-55-210, filed 7/6/22, effective 8/6/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 69.50.342 and 69.50.345. WSR 16-11-110, § 314-55-210, filed 5/18/16, effective 6/18/16; WSR 15-11-107, § 314-55-210, filed 5/20/15, effective 6/20/15; WSR 14-07-116, § 314-55-210, filed 3/19/14, effective 4/19/14.]