



# Comprehensive Guide to Video Retention Regulations in the Cannabis Industry

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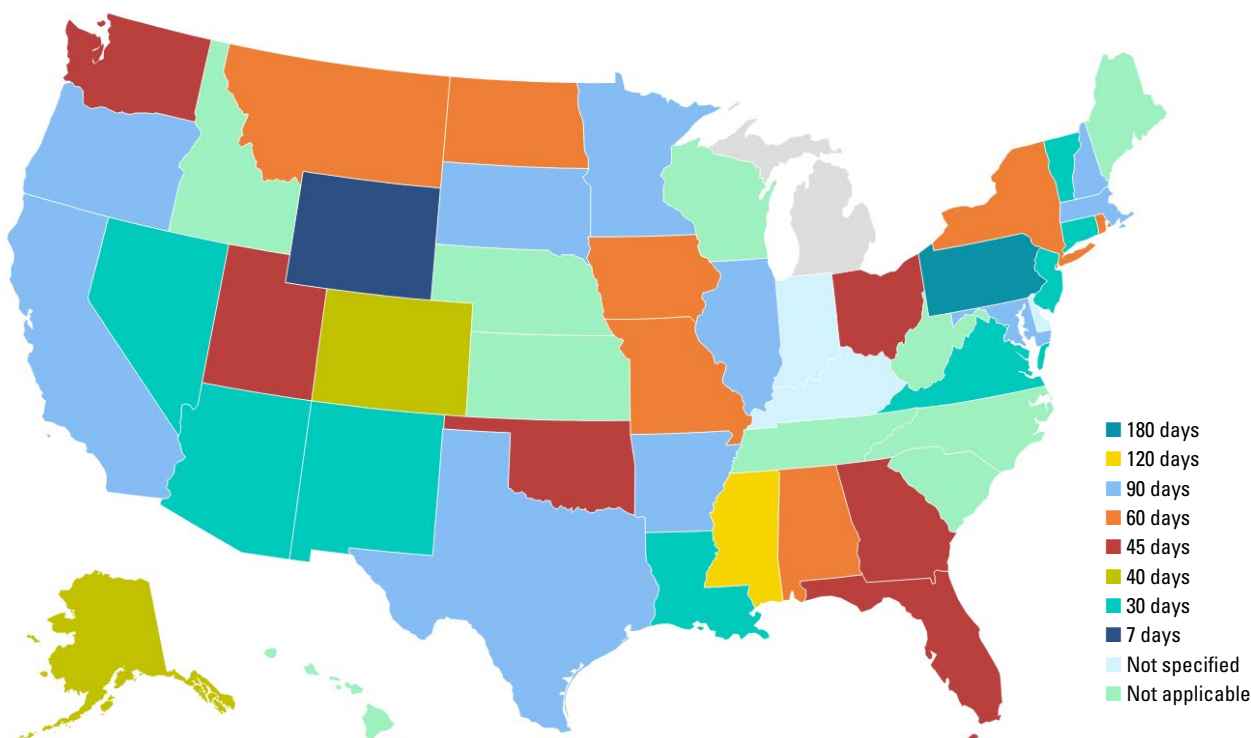
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# COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO VIDEO RETENTION REGULATIONS IN THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY

## State-by-State Cannabis Video Retention Requirements

This map shows video retention requirements for cannabis facilities across U.S. states, including retention periods and surveillance standards. Regulations vary by state, so check back for updates as policies evolve.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCE

## SIA Guide to Cannabis Security Requirements

Access SIA's comprehensive state-by-state on requirements for security technology and services for cannabis industry establishments



**N**avigating the complex landscape of video surveillance and retention regulations is essential for the cannabis industry, which faces stringent requirements designed to protect the security and integrity of its operations – from cultivation to sale. With each state establishing its own standards regarding retention periods, video quality and recording specifications, compliance is paramount.

This guide serves as a valuable resource, offering a comprehensive overview of video retention regulations across various states. It not only highlights key compliance requirements, but also presents the best practices for effective surveillance. These practices include establishing minimum retention periods, ensuring continuous recording, utilizing



high-quality cameras, implementing digital archiving, maintaining operational reliability, facilitating immediate access to recordings, monitoring compliance, securing equipment and training staff.

The guide begins with best practices tailored specifically for video retention within the cannabis industry, ensuring that dispensaries can navigate regulatory challenges while maintaining robust surveillance systems. Following this, we delve into a detailed matrix summarizing the video retention regulations applicable to cannabis dispensaries in different states.

## BEST PRACTICES FOR VIDEO RETENTION IN THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY

To ensure compliance with state regulations and maintain the integrity of surveillance systems, cannabis dispensaries should adhere to the following best practices:

- 1. Retention Periods:** Establish minimum retention periods for video recordings, typically ranging from 30 to 180 days, depending on state requirements.
- 2. Extended Retention:** Consider longer retention periods for investigations or legal proceedings.
- 3. Continuous Recording:** Maintain 24/7 video coverage in all areas where cannabis is handled, ensuring cameras cover entry points, sales areas and storage areas.
- 4. Camera Quality:** Use high-resolution digital cameras (minimum 10 frames per second) that capture clear, time-stamped images in various lighting conditions.
- 5. Digital Archiving:** Implement secure digital storage for recordings to preserve their integrity and evidentiary value.
- 6. Operational Reliability:** Ensure surveillance systems remain operational during power outages with backup solutions like UPS.
- 7. Immediate Access:** Ensure recordings are accessible for regulatory inspections and law enforcement, both on-site and potentially off-site.
- 8. Compliance Monitoring:** Regularly audit surveillance systems to ensure they meet regulatory standards for placement, functionality and data storage.
- 9. Security Measures:** Secure surveillance equipment to prevent unauthorized access or tampering, including encryption of archived footage.
- 10. Documentation and Training:** Maintain clear policies and train staff on surveillance protocols, including handling and retrieval of recordings.



# SUMMARY OF STATE-SPECIFIC VIDEO RETENTION REGULATIONS AND BEST PRACTICES FOR CANNABIS DISPENSARIES

The table below offers a snapshot of current video retention regulations for cannabis facilities across different states. As policies continue to evolve on a state-by-state basis, these requirements may be subject to change. To help us maintain the accuracy of this resource, please inform us of any updates or adjustments you encounter.

## VIDEO RETENTION GUIDE - CANNABIS INDUSTRY BY STATE

State	Dispensary Standards/Law	Retention Period	Video Requirements	Lighting Requirements	Web Reference
Alabama	Medical Cannabis Commission rules	60 days	Continuous 24/7 recording, clear ID	Sufficient	<a href="https://amcc.alabama.gov/about/resources/">https://amcc.alabama.gov/about/resources/</a>
Alaska	3 AAC 306.720	40 days	Full video surveillance	Exterior lighting	<a href="https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/9/pub/MCB/StatutesAndRegulations/3AAC306.pdfdf">https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/9/pub/MCB/StatutesAndRegulations/3AAC306.pdfdf</a>
Arizona	No specific details	30 days	Digital archiving, 10 fps, 24/7 recording	Adequate lighting	<a href="https://www.azdhs.gov/documents/licensing/medical-marijuana/az-medical-marijuana-rules.pdf">https://www.azdhs.gov/documents/licensing/medical-marijuana/az-medical-marijuana-rules.pdf</a>
Arkansas	Biannual inspections	90 days	Digital archiving, 10 fps, 24/7 recording	Adequate perimeter lighting	<a href="https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/medicalMarijuana-Commission/2022_OperationalRule-Book_CDP.pdf">https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/medicalMarijuana-Commission/2022_OperationalRule-Book_CDP.pdf</a>
California	Digital video surveillance	90 days	1280 × 720 pixels		<a href="https://cannabis.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/08/dcc_commercial_cannabis_regulations-1.pdf">https://cannabis.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/08/dcc_commercial_cannabis_regulations-1.pdf</a>
Colorado	Continuous recording	40 days			<a href="https://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=5904&amp;fileName=1%20CCR%20212-1">https://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/GenerateRulePdf.do?ruleVersionId=5904&amp;fileName=1%20CCR%20212-1</a>
Connecticut	Palliative use of marijuana	30 days	24-hour recording, clear ID	Appropriate	<a href="https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DCP/pdf/laws_and_regulations/REG-MEDICALMARIJUANAFINAL06Sept-2013pdf.pdf">https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DCP/pdf/laws_and_regulations/REG-MEDICALMARIJUANAFINAL06Sept-2013pdf.pdf</a>
Delaware	Video footage retention	Not specified	24/7 access	Well-lit perimeter	<a href="https://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title16/Department%20of%20Health%20and%20Social%20Services/Division%20of%20Public%20Health/Health%20Systems%20Protection%20(HSP)/4470.shtml">https://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title16/Department of Health and Social Services/Division of Public Health/Health Systems Protection (HSP)/4470.shtml</a>



District of Columbia	Security and alarm system	30 days	600 lines/inch (analog) or D1 (IP)	0.7 LUX	<a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/publication/attachments/MEDICAL%20MARIJUANA.2018.updates.pdf">https://dchealth.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/doh/publication/attachments/MEDICAL%20MARIJUANA.2018.updates.pdf</a>
Florida	Security alarm and video	45 days	Continuous 24/7 recording, clear ID	Sufficient outdoor lighting	<a href="http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&amp;URL=0300-0399/0381/Sections/0381.986.html">http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&amp;URL=0300-0399/0381/Sections/0381.986.html</a>
Georgia	Video cameras	45 days	2560 x 1440 pixels, 30 fps		<a href="https://rules.sos.state.ga.us/gac/351-4/1000">https://rules.sos.state.ga.us/gac/351-4/1000</a>
Hawaii	Not Specified				
Idaho	Not Specified				
Illinois	CCTV surveillance	90 days	600 lines/inch (analog) or D1 (IP)	0.7 LUX	<a href="https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admin-code/008/008013000D03850R.html">https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admin-code/008/008013000D03850R.html</a>
Indiana	No specific details	Not specified			
Iowa	Video surveillance	60 days			<a href="https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/9176/download?inline=">https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/9176/download?inline=</a>
Kansas	Not Specified				
Kentucky	Adequate lighting	Not specified		Adequate indoor and exterior lighting	<a href="https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/915/001/060/">https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/915/001/060/</a>
Louisiana	Product and site security	30 days	Accurate date/time stamps, clear ID		<a href="https://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/Center-EH/sanitarian/fooddrug/marijuana/ER_Medical_Marijuana.pdf">https://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/Center-EH/sanitarian/fooddrug/marijuana/ER_Medical_Marijuana.pdf</a>
Maine	Not specified				<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bwf-8H9teMpl_uYSgu30ruT4km0qlTDz/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bwf-8H9teMpl_uYSgu30ruT4km0qlTDz/view</a>
Maryland	Video surveillance	90 days	Available for immediate viewing		<a href="https://mmcc.maryland.gov/Documents/2020_Policy_Regulations/VIDEO-SURVEILLANCE-INVENTORY-CONTROL-AND-INSPECTIONS_%28May.15.2020%29.pdf">https://mmcc.maryland.gov/Documents/2020_Policy_Regulations/VIDEO-SURVEILLANCE-INVENTORY-CONTROL-AND-INSPECTIONS_%28May.15.2020%29.pdf</a>
Massachusetts	General marijuana establishment	90 days	Clear ID, synchronized time and date		
Michigan	Not specified				
Minnesota	24-hour video recording	90 days			<a href="https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4770.0900/">https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4770.0900/</a>

Mississippi	Video recordings	120 days	Continuous coverage		<a href="https://www.dor.ms.gov/medical-cannabis-dispensary-regulations">https://www.dor.ms.gov/medical-cannabis-dispensary-regulations</a>
Missouri	Continuous monitoring	60 days			<a href="https://health.mo.gov/safety/cannabis/faqs-facility.php#security">https://health.mo.gov/safety/cannabis/faqs-facility.php#security</a>
Montana	Continuous recording	60 days	640 x 470 pixels		<a href="https://archive.legmt.gov/content/Committees/Interim/2021-2022/EconomicAffairs/Rules/December13/42-1040-All-Rule-Text-all-revisions-120721.pdf">https://archive.legmt.gov/content/Committees/Interim/2021-2022/EconomicAffairs/Rules/December13/42-1040-All-Rule-Text-all-revisions-120721.pdf</a>
Nebraska	Not specified				
Nevada	Electric monitoring	30 days	720 x 480		<a href="https://ccb.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Security-NRS-and-NCCR.pdf">https://ccb.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Security-NRS-and-NCCR.pdf</a>
New Hampshire	Video recordings	90 days	Clear ID, synchronized time and date	Appropriate	<a href="https://casetext.com/regulation/new-hampshire-administrative-code/title-he-department-of-health-and-human-services/subtitle-he-c-commissioner-department-of-health-and-human-services/chapter-he-c-400-therapeutic-cannabis-program/part-he-c-402-alternative-treatment-centers/section-he-c-40224-security-requirements">https://casetext.com/regulation/new-hampshire-administrative-code/title-he-department-of-health-and-human-services/subtitle-he-c-commissioner-department-of-health-and-human-services/chapter-he-c-400-therapeutic-cannabis-program/part-he-c-402-alternative-treatment-centers/section-he-c-40224-security-requirements</a>
New Jersey	Continuous monitoring	30 days	Continuous 24/7 monitoring	Motion sensors	<a href="https://casetext.com/regulation/new-jersey-administrative-code/title-17-treasury-general/chapter-30-personal-use-cannabis-rules/subchapter-9-cannabis-business-license-holder-material-conditions-and-requirements/section-1730-910-security">https://casetext.com/regulation/new-jersey-administrative-code/title-17-treasury-general/chapter-30-personal-use-cannabis-rules/subchapter-9-cannabis-business-license-holder-material-conditions-and-requirements/section-1730-910-security</a>
New Mexico	Digital video surveillance	30 days			<a href="https://www.srca.nm.gov/parts/title16/16.008.0002.html">https://www.srca.nm.gov/parts/title16/16.008.0002.html</a>
New York	Video camera surveillance	60 days			<a href="https://cannabis.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/02/due-diligence-and-application-process-checklist_0.pdf">https://cannabis.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/02/due-diligence-and-application-process-checklist_0.pdf</a>
North Carolina	Not specified				
North Dakota	Video surveillance	60 days			<a href="https://ndlegis.gov/prod/acdata/pdf/33-44-01.pdf">https://ndlegis.gov/prod/acdata/pdf/33-44-01.pdf</a>
Ohio	Security recordings	45 days	D1 resolution, 30 fps	0.7 LUX	<a href="https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-3796:2-2-05">https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-3796:2-2-05</a>
Oklahoma	Video monitoring	45 days	HD quality (1920 x 1080)		<a href="https://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/omma/docs/attachment_c_focus-retail_standard-v1.0.pdf">https://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/omma/docs/attachment_c_focus-retail_standard-v1.0.pdf</a>



Oregon	Continuous recording	90 days	1280 x 720 px, 10 fps		<a href="https://www.oregon.gov/olcc/marijuana/Documents/Licensing_Forms/mj_ref_all_lic_premises_requirements.pdf">https://www.oregon.gov/olcc/marijuana/Documents/Licensing_Forms/mj_ref_all_lic_premises_requirements.pdf</a>
Pennsylvania	Constant video surveillance	180 days			<a href="https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/028/chapter1161a/chap1161atoc.html&amp;d=">https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/028/chapter1161a/chap1161atoc.html&amp;d=</a>
Rhode Island	Video surveillance	60 days			<a href="https://rules.sos.ri.gov/Regulations/Part/230-80-05-1">https://rules.sos.ri.gov/Regulations/Part/230-80-05-1</a>
South Carolina	Not specified				
South Dakota	Continuous recording	90 days	720 pixels		<a href="https://sdlegislature.gov/Rules/Administrative/44:90:04">https://sdlegislature.gov/Rules/Administrative/44:90:04</a>
Tennessee	No specific details				
Texas	Camera coverage	90 days	720 x 350		<a href="https://www.dps.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/rsd/cup/laws/adminrules.pdf">https://www.dps.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/rsd/cup/laws/adminrules.pdf</a>
Utah	Video recording system	45 days			<a href="https://le.utah.gov/~2018S3/pdfdoc/Summary.pdf">https://le.utah.gov/~2018S3/pdfdoc/Summary.pdf</a>
Vermont	Video surveillance	30 days	720p resolution		<a href="https://ccb.vermont.gov/sites/ccb/files/2022-03/Rule%20-%20Regulation%20of%20Cannabis%20Establishments.pdf">https://ccb.vermont.gov/sites/ccb/files/2022-03/Rule 2 - Regulation of Cannabis Establishments.pdf</a>
Virginia	Video cameras	30 days	Clear color still photo, 9600 dpi		<a href="https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincodefull/title3/agency10/chapter40/">https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincodefull/title3/agency10/chapter40/</a>
Washington	Continuous recording	45 days	640 x 470 pixels		<a href="https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=314-55-083">https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=314-55-083</a>
West Virginia	Video surveillance				<a href="https://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/readfile.aspx?DocId=53209&amp;Format=PDF">https://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/readfile.aspx?DocId=53209&amp;Format=PDF</a>
Wisconsin	Not specified				
Wyoming	Video surveillance	7 days	Recognizable images every 10 seconds		<a href="https://wyoleg.gov/statutes/compress/title35.pdf">https://wyoleg.gov/statutes/compress/title35.pdf</a>



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