



# C-NACA

*California Native American Cannabis Association*

## **Professional Standards for the Operation of Cannabis Enterprises on Tribal Lands**

The following Professional Standards for the Operation of Cannabis Enterprises on Tribal Lands have been adopted by the California Native American Cannabis Association. Member tribal nations of CNACA agree to incorporate these standards in their cannabis enterprise activity in the interest of preserving public safety, consumer protection, and for the general well-being of our tribal communities.

1. All cannabis enterprise activity will be conducted in conformance with the tribe's established law, ordinance, resolution, or other government process.
2. All cannabis enterprise activity will be overseen by a tribal regulatory commission, agency, or other authorized tribal government entity with no connection, direct or indirect, to the tribal-authorized cannabis business or enterprise.
3. Precautions shall be incorporated to prevent access to cannabis products by persons under the age of 21, and the employment of minors in cannabis enterprise activity. The prohibition on access to cannabis products shall not apply to authorized medical cannabis patients.
4. Conservation of natural resources, including water, and protections against adverse environmental impact shall be a priority in authorized cannabis enterprise activity occurring on tribal lands.
5. Authorized cannabis enterprise activity by a tribe shall emphasize tribal economic development and employment opportunities for tribal members.
6. Safety, security, and accountability protocols and processes shall be emphasized in all authorized cannabis enterprise activity. Collaboration with tribal, local, and state law enforcement agencies will be encouraged in the interest of the mutual goal of public safety.

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7. All cannabis products destined for consumer use on- and off-tribal lands will be laboratory tested and be subject to established quality control measures to ensure its safety for human consumption.
8. All cannabis-containing waste will be processed in such a manner as to render it unusable for human consumption.
9. Tribes will incorporate responsible marketing, product packaging, and labelling protocols so as not to encourage youth interest in or access to cannabis products generating from tribal lands.
10. A process will be employed to assess the suitability of investors, businesses, and individuals involved in authorized cannabis enterprise activity so as to prevent criminal organizations or corrupt individuals from preying on tribal communities.
11. Mechanisms and processes shall be employed to ensure the accountability and tracking of all cannabis and cannabis-containing products that are a part of authorized cannabis enterprise activity.
12. Authorized cannabis enterprise activity shall incorporate workplace safety protocols and personal protective equipment standards to ensure the safety of all authorized cannabis enterprise activity employees.
13. Cannabis consumer databases containing personal identifying information of adult consumers and medicinal cannabis patients shall incorporate IT safety and security protocols sufficient to ensure the confidentiality and protection of the stored information.
14. Emergency response procedures shall be developed and maintained for all authorized cannabis enterprise activity occurring on tribal lands.
15. Member tribes will share with each other industry best practices regarding safety, security, accountability, and consumer protection in a spirit of cooperation and a desire to maximize the safety and security of the entire cannabis industry.