

MARIJUANA SECURITY BLACKBOOK



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Security

Although growing marijuana is legal in many parts of the world, the need for a well hidden secure garden to ensure privacy is still a necessity. An illegal gardener will be arrested on-site if caught. For whatever reason it may be, the need for a hidden properly secure garden as well as proper equipment purchasing procedures are of utmost importance to ensure maximum security and the basic human need of personal privacy.

Your activities where you go, how you go there, what you buy, how you pay for it, who you talk to, what you say, are all things you can control. Your surroundings; your home, growroom, outside property, electrical use, air quality, and visitors are also parts of your environment that you are able to control. Never trust anybody, not friends, not family, not even your own children or dying mother! US conspiracy laws make it possible to jail victims for what they say or what is said about them, regardless of truth.

What you say or what is said about you can land you in jail! The government is not required to prove that the defendant personally did one of the overt acts. Once you have decided that the defendant was a member of the conspiracy, the defendant is responsible for what other conspirators said or did to carry out the conspiracy, whether or not the defendant knew what they said or did.



A defendant's knowledge of and participation in a conspiracy may be inferred from circumstantial evidence and from evidence of the defendant's action. Acts which seem otherwise innocent, when viewed in the context of the surrounding circumstances, may justify an inference of complicity.

The most dangerous places to visit or telephone include other growrooms, stores that cater to indoor gardeners, and anywhere illegal drugs are being used. Although very tempting, avoid visiting other growrooms. You never know when or how they are being monitored by law enforcement. Your presence at another growroom could tie you to it. Testimony by the grower could implicate you and your grow operation even if they've never been to your garden! Using your telephone is an obvious no-no! Technology today makes tracking telephone numbers and their exact locations extremely easy. Use a pay telephone to make calls when it involves a garden.

A case involving a police department that subpoenaed telephone company records of a garden store is currently being heard in federal court. Phone records showed the telephone numbers that were used to call the store. Narcs tracked these numbers down and watched the homes where they were located. More than 1000 arrests resulted! Was the police action legal? The courts are determining that now. Meanwhile, a thousand POWs were taken over a four-year period. Who knows how many police stations are using these same underground tactics?



When calling or visiting an indoor garden store, never, ever mention marijuana or anything illegal. Do not allude to growing anything illegal. They will be forced to kick you out, hang up immediately, or even report you. Stories about about certain individuals watching and stalking garden-store parking lots and following clients home are quite common. Always assume you are being watched.

If you must go to a hot zone, do not go there regularly and do not drive your own car. Take public transportation or go in a car not registered to you or anybody in your family. Cash tells no tales and leaves no trails. Pay for all purchases relating to the growroom in cash. If you must order something by mail or UPS, pay with a money order that was purchased in cash. Try and avoid using a credit card unless the privacy policy checks out.

Do not take photos of your garden that show incriminating evidence such as peoples faces, tattoos or anything traceable, such as telephone or license-plate numbers, addresses on a magazine, furniture etc. When taking photographs to be developed, do not list your telephone number or address on the receipt. Pay for the photos in cash and do not drive your car to the store. If you live in the United States, never, never, ever show your growroom to anybody! Do not tell anybody you are growing or have ever grown! Always deny growing. Such information in the hands of someone else renders you powerless. The word "friend" rolls off the tongue so easily until the "friend" is



interrogated by law enforcement. Two of the major weapons professional interrogators have in their arsenal are deception and intimidation. They lie and intimidate petrified growers to extort information from them. When a grower is arrested, they are interrogated - not like in the movies, but for real. The interrogation is not over one or two sessions. It often goes on for months. During this time, the accused (without being proved guilty) is very generously coerced into providing information about other growers. Even if they do not know anything about those growers, they are pressured to make up information so the police can use this erroneous information to secure search warrants. Guilt by association has blindsided more than one grower. A jealous, spiteful or vindictive friend, lover or enemy has complete control over you and your future if they know you are growing. Period. Imagine, just on the whim of an excited comment about your latest endeavor, your life can be changed forever.

Once law enforcement has stumbled across evidence, received solicited evidence from spiteful snitches or coerced evidence from freaked-out friends trying to save themselves or giving into their human instinct of pleasure and reward, they go out and look for information by subpoena, phone records, electric records, shopping records, etc., and then deploy more sophisticated intrusive tactics, most often dogs trained to sniff marijuana and other methods. Now of course you are growing legally, but one needs to be aware if they want to exercise their human right for in-home privacy.



Indoor Growing Security

#1 rule - Keep your garden a secret. Always. Tell no one. *No one.*

Disguise the entryway to your grow room, unless that will make it even more noticeable. Also, keep the door of the grow room locked. This will prevent anybody from accidentally discovering your garden.

Always keep the outside of your house in good standing. This means mow the lawn, make sure the house is painted and clean, clear off any old newspapers or anything else, keep the garbage picked up etc. Keep to yourself, don't have many visitors over and always be polite but short with neighbors.

Keep all electrical units, fuses, wires, connections etc grounded. Inspect wiring regularly for old crusty heat-blackened smelly wires or melted connections.

Do not grow more than 100 plants, grow 99. In America Federal law enforces a 5 year minimum sentence with no parole when convicted of growing 100-1000 plants.

Think ahead to any situation that will require outsiders to visit sensitive areas of the house. Repairmen, solicitors, meter readers, neighbors, appraisers, and pets should all be considered and contingency plans made in advance.



Keep a low profile. It looks a little suspicious if your neighbors see you hauling ten 50 pound bags of potting soil into your home in January. Unload anything that might seem suspicious from your car under the cover of darkness. Remember to turn off the light in your car that comes on after you open the door.

Anyone that wants in your home will need a search warrant! Sorry grandma, no cookies in my kitchen this year.

Light

Light leaks are a tell-tale sign of a grow room. Be sure to check the outside at night for any escaping light.

It is imperative that you keep any light leaks sealed from inside your grow room that can be visible outside. Cover up interior windows with some sort of material (fire board works good) and leave blinds in between so it does not look suspicious from the outside in. Cracks, or anything else that will show light from the outside. Having light leak is like inviting people to come into your grow room. Light leaks are unacceptable and greatly reduce security.

Check any chimneys / vents for leaking light, as this is very suspicious.



Online Security

When posting anything online, especially images, make sure you do not claim ownership or possession of any weed, grow rooms, or grow room equipment. Also keep in mind your I.P. Address which leads directly to your home is being logged everywhere you post or visit.

It is best to pay by cash or money-order, if using a credit card make sure the site is secure with a sound privacy policy, and use a proxy to mask your I.P. Setting up a proxy server ensures that the government can't track your every web surfing move.

Never have seeds or grow products sent directly to your home where your garden is located.

Don't give out your correct information.

Do not ever chat/e-mail about marijuana growing, or surf cannabis related websites on a computer located in a grow house.

Set up a firewall. A firewall will block and inform the user of an unwanted third party attempting to intrude.



Thermal Imaging Technology

Thermal imaging is used once authorities have good reason for further inspection. This can be as simple as following you home from the grow store, or any other miscellaneous records or indications that you could be growing cannabis without legal documentation. Powerful infrared camera thermal imaging technology or even dogs that are trained to sniff out marijuana will be used at this point.

Light and heat energy warm objects, which then re-radiate excess energy. Some of this excess energy is emitted as low-energy infrared. IR is invisible to the naked eye, but can be displayed and measured by specialized cameras. Think about the movie Predator, it literally looks like that.

The nosy are trained to look for hot spots on walls and windows, unusually warm foundations, exhaust emissions from vents and chimneys, and warming trends typical of suspicious grow operations.

As far as legal implications of these readings go; "A thermal imaging scan does not intrude in any way into the privacy and sanctity of a home the privacy associated with a home, are not threatened by thermal imagery." -US supreme court ruling. In Canada, IR is used in the pre-investigation phase. Positive results can then be used to obtain a search warrant.



Thermal Imaging is easy. All it takes is a hand held imager device. The imager detects the heat and displays the "Thermal Image" as a picture. The cops are not walking around the streets taking thermal pictures of people's houses unless they suspect they are growing weed. In order to get a Search Warrant a thermal picture might be used as supporting evidence. Cops use thermal devices at night when the temp difference is greatest.

The most common Thermal Imaging devices can easily detect heat escaping from structures such as windows, vents, etc. More expensive devices, less commonly used but still available to many police forces, can actually see through walls. Concrete is a good conductor of heat; after hours of HID lighting, foundations will become abnormally warm.

Do not have hot, smelly exhaust air from your grow room pouring outside directly. Searching IR helicopters can see the heat pouring out like a fountain. The helicopters CAN NOT see through your walls and detect your grow lights. They can only see heat signature readings on the outside of a building. So if your growroom is insulated and the lights are not touching the walls you are fine.



You can completely avoid these thermal imaging problems by turning your grow lights on during the daytime. The daytime heat from the sun on surfaces such as windows and vents will make for an accurate heat signature reading impossible. The technology simply will not work in the daytime.

Another extremely effective method to eradicate any possible heat signature reading is to line the inside of your grow room with material to keep the heat inside. Any kind of insulation works wonders. Most growers flower at night to take advantage of the naturally cooler air; unfortunately, a warm grow house will radiate lots of thermal energy compared to the cool night air.

Further measures you can take are to insulate and shield the walls/windows from heat loss from lamps, place your ballasts in a different room, spread out plants, and properly cool and ventilate the air in your grow room. One or two spaced out plants aren't going to give off a very suspicious heat signature reading, but 50 lined up in rows will.

Small grows(under 2000w) would probably not emit enough heat to warrant the effort or expense. Reducing grow room temperature will reduce heat emissions; however, the grow room will still be warmer than surrounding rooms.



For walls use interlocking 1.5 or 2 inch foam insulation along all exposed walls. Place the insulation 1-4 inches away from walls, fit foam panels from floor to ceiling (some cutting may be required), and blow cold air into the gap. Seal seams and corners with tape. Cover walls with Mylar to reflect heat back into the room. This technique creates a false wall to contain cold air. Interlocking rigid foam panels prevent hot grow room air from contacting and warming house walls. Cold air is blown into the gap between the foam and the walls for maximum protection. The walls exterior will appear cold to an IR camera, indicating a negative for internal heat.

Windows are essentially uninsulated, so you must fill the gap with insulation. Draw the curtains/blinds, add black poly behind, then add insulation.

Safely exhausting hot air is difficult; those searching are looking for unusual heat emissions coming from opened windows, chimneys, dryer vents and other handy places. Running exhaust to outside sheds, barns and tree stumps is well known to those searching. Venting through the sewer line is always an option.

Running the exhaust through a long, buried pipe helps to cool the air. Perimeter drains can be used for this.



Water-cooling is also an excellent way to drastically reduce heat signature readings into the virtually non-existent levels. Running water cooled lights is very effective; IR heat from the lights are washed down the drain. Water cooled light systems are currently difficult to source, and have drawbacks including cost, condensation and leaks.

Dealing With Waste

The best way to deal with organic waste is to compost it, even if that means bury it in fertile active worm populated soil. It is the 100% stealth method. No one will ever know and it will improve your soil.

Never throw Marijuana roots, leaves, or any other foliage in the bin because that's a tell-tale sign of a grower. When throwing away your grow room wastes, you must take extra caution. Do not use your regular trash for throwing away cuttings, clippings, rockwool, or anything else that is a dead giveaway. You can grind up the plants, compost them, remove them from your property etc. It is legal for the police to go through your garbage!

Do not EVER flush any leaves or anything that has to do with your operation down the toilet. It could end up in your front yard due to the overflow valve!



Electricity

Have a ready reason for excess electrical consumption.

The key to your electrical bill is to keep it near your neighbors or the previous tenants. A sudden large spike will send up a red flag.

Install solar panels if you can.

Utility companies can tell your bill is way off from the same time last year, and this way the police is finding people that are growing marijuana. More than 500 watts in the family home running constantly will show up as a regular monthly increase in electricity use. You can claim space heaters, more people living on the premises, too many television sets, and late hours, if they happen mention it to you (innocently). If certain nosy people knock and ask you about it, don't let them in, and move your plants to another location during the wee hours in a vehicle not your own.

Upon moving into a new place, it may be desirable to immediately establish high electricity use, so that your electrical use history won't reveal your activities in the future.



Light leaks, open windows, heat expelled from rooms that would normally be cool, and rip-offs are all serious issues to be concerned about. Don't use a burglar alarm on when your away from the house. People are busted this way when the kids try to rip off the garden and the police come. Lock the house up well, and let them take it if they need it so bad. It's not worth getting busted for a burglary.

Odors

Leaked odors are one of the quickest, most surest ways to locate a grow room. You must keep strange odors under control, including ozone and other odor masks.

Surround the outside of your property with cedar sheddings instead of bark chips in the flower beds. This will greatly assist in reducing odors. Also use a carbon filter in your ventilation system as well as an ozone generator to completely neutralize the pungent marijuana smell.

Use a carbon filter on your ventilation tubing.



Noise

Some grow rooms are easily detectable by their noise, as well as odors. A great way to stifle and muffle unwanted noises and odors coming from your grow room is to seal and line the walls with “sound board” . Sound board muffles sounds VERY well.

Install rubber grommets or feet on fan feet and blowers to eliminate vibrations and noise.

Build a separate shell or soundproof box around ballasts, keeping fire safety in mind at all times.

Place a thick pad under ballasts to absorb and prevent vibrations.

Outdoor Growing Security

Keeping your outdoor plants safe is extremely important. After spending many hours planning, scouting, and preparing your outdoor plots for the upcoming grow season, keeping your well hidden site secure is very important if you plan on bringing in a harvest this year. You don't want them to be seen so they can be stolen or discovered. One of the best easiest ways of doing this



is growing the cannabis plants among other large plants that mask the cannabis. You can also construct a “mini-greenhouse” so to speak using bricks and a pane of glass at the top to conceal your crop even more.

Another crucial thing to do when guerilla growing is to cover up your tracks. Footprints are a dead giveaway leading right to your crop. Leave as little trace as possible. Unsuspecting people love to follow tracks in remote areas to see where they lead, and lo and behold! Your weed crop has just been stolen. Try to keep the path you take to your crop as hidden as possible. Try not to break any branches, step on rocks and avoid soft muddy areas, and if possible always take a different trail to your patch every time.

If you are trying to camouflage your plants, plant them with some corn or hops. These are the best plants for this purpose. Other tall plants will not work as well. Another method is to feed nitrogen to your plants if they need to be greener to blend in. Some growers even use plastic red flowers, pinned to a plant, disguising it as a flower bush. Visit the plants at night on full moons, and if your visible to neighbors, appear to be pruning a tree, mowing the lawn, or doing something in the yard that makes you invisible. Dig a hole and put a potted plant in it. This will reduce the plant’ s height by at least a foot.



When guerilla growing the most important thing is to have a cover story. Take along with you a bird watching book and binoculars, or a fishing pole and fishing license etc so if stopped by any nosy people asking what you are doing out there, you will be safe.

If you know airplanes and/or helicopters will be flying over your area make sure you spread out your plants. Condensed patches are a red flag for aerial targeting.

When guerilla growing it is critical to make sure your cannabis plants are out of sight. Take a different route to get to them if they are not in a secure part of your property, and cover the trail to make it look as if there is no trail. Make cut backs in the trail, so that people on the main trail will tend to miss the cut-back to the grow area. Don't park on the main road, always find a place to park that will not arouse suspicion by people that pass on the road. Always have a good reason for being in the area and have the necessary items to make your claim believable.

Transporting vegetative starts to the growing area is a most tricky aspect of growing outdoors, but germinating your marijuana seeds in spot is out of the question. Usually, you will want to germinate the cannabis seeds at home, keep seedlings indoors, or outside in your garden, then transport them to the grow site once they are firmly established. It may be desirable to first detect



and separate males from females so that no effort of transporting/transplanting/watering males is incurred.

One suggestion is to use 3" rockwool cubes to start seedlings in, then put 20 of them in a litter pan, cover it with another pan, and transport this to the grow site. The cubes can be planted directly into soil. If spotted inroute to the grow area, with a tear in your eye explain your burying of your dead family dog Baxter may be a good excuse for being in the area. Few mentally healthy people would demand to see the rotting corpse!

When planting, try to plant under trees, next to bushes and keep only a few plants in any one spot. Train or top the plants to grow sideways, or do something to prevent the classic Christmas tree look of most plants left to grow untrained. Tying the top down to the ground will make the plants branches grow up toward the sun, and increase yield, given a long enough growing season. Plants can be grown under trees if the sun comes in at an angle and lights the area for several hours every day. Use shoes that you can dispose of later and cover your foot prints.

Do not grow marijuana outdoors on your own land(unless it is remote), so that you can show that someone could have easily trespassed on your property, and violated your land by planting marijuana. A few marijuana plants should be fine, but be careful. There is a constant threat of suspicious neighbors,



hunters/hikers/certain nosy people when growing weed.

Use the cannabis plant ability to blend in with other plants to the point that they are unidentifiable by all but the most observant. Choose similar growing neighbours for your marijuana plants like cleome, kenaf, a bunch of nettles or blackberry vines.

Plants started outdoors late in the season never get very big and never attract the least bit of attention when placed next to plants of similar or taller stature. Even tall plants grown among several trees will be almost invisible in their camouflage. Grow in places where people have nothing to search for.

Outdoors the security tactic is to control access to an area, and not to arouse suspicion. Tuck them here and there, never in a recognizable pattern. Space them out, and fit them in to the existing landscape such that they get full sun, but they're hidden or blend in. Fence lines and groups of several together are best. Try to find marijuana seeds strains that seem to match the surrounding plants. Feed nitrogen to your plants if they need to be greener to blend in. Some growers even use plastic red flowers, pinned to a plant, disguising it as a flower bush.



Plant in places away from houses and farms where somebody could see you from distance. Visit the plants at night on full moons, and if you are visible to neighbors, appear to be pruning a tree, mowing the lawn, or doing something in the yard that makes you invisible. Dig a hole and put a potted plant in it. The plant's height will be reduced by at least a foot and it will collect and use more rain water.

Choose the best high yielding cannabis seeds strain possible, put as much time as possible to find a safe, surrounded by nature spot for your cannabis garden. Start with germinating the marijuana seeds at home and replant outdoors after 2 weeks. Never tell anybody about the location of your marijuana garden.

Find a secure location where your marijuana plants won't be stolen by rippers/hunters/hikers. Avoid heavy traffic areas, popular hiking trails, and recreational roads.

At all costs, avoid making paths to your outdoor marijuana grow location. What seems invisible on the ground may be very apparent from the air. Try a new path each time you enter or exit your marijuana site; walking along fallen logs, in dense areas and through streams, etc. Heck, wear snowshoes.



Although your shoes may not seem to be an element in keeping your plots secure, if for some reason your plots are intruded upon, and busted, you could possibly be put at risk because of your shoe size and brand.

To prevent this from being a problem, you can tape over the bottom of your shoes and use shoes that are either a size or two too small or too large.

The vegetation directly around your plot offers a good deal of protection. While entering and leaving, use anything you can to prevent a path from being made (this can involve logs, stones, rivers, etc.). As long as you don't make a noticeable path to your plants, you should be fine.

Planting in areas that you would never want to go is a good idea, because if you don't want to go there's a big chance that rippers won't want to go there either. Planting in a patch of stinging nettles or pricker bushes helps a great deal to prevent any unwanted creatures from checking out your grow . Nettles look very similar to cannabis, and when you so much as brush by them...you get a nice surprise(burning sensation for approx 20 min).

Getting to your plot without risking your security can be a problem. Going during the late afternoon when people would most likely be in the woods is a smart thing. Park your car at an inconspicuous place with some distance from your entry spot to the woods. It is good to have a story ready if anyone



questions you (such as picking wild berries, bird watching, or fishing) and use props to fit the story. By going later in the afternoon, you can have ample time to work, and the sun will begin to set by the time you get back giving you the security of the blanket of twilight.

If you need to go to your plot at night for some reason, a flashlight with a red lens can be very helpful. Red lenses help your eyes see better in the dark and adjust your eyes to the setting.

During the course of a grow, you will mostly be watering and fertilizing either via a local lake or stream, or possibly an irrigation system. There are however some big trips that you need to take such as bringing clones/seedlings in to be planted at the beginning of the season, and the harvest at the very end of the season. Things to consider: when you plan to go, how you will bring in your seedlings and bring out your final harvest, how you will get your harvested plants to where you plan to dry it.

While in the field, ALWAYS STAY ALERT. This is a highly risky situation. Hopefully this information will lessen the degree of danger, and help secure your grow sites.



Lifestyle

Never tell ANYONE, even your friends, your pet chimp, your grandma, your fellow cannabis enthusiast cronies, your dying mother, your uncle Ned, or your smoking hot girlfriend, *ANYONE* that you are growing or even *hint* or half-joke about growing. People get greedy and loose lips sink ships. Growing weed is exciting, but you must keep this to yourself or you won't get to enjoy it for very much longer.

Don't show or boast a large cash income. Do not suddenly buy expensive assets such as houses or cars overnight. Always have a job and reason for your activities. Keep a low profile.

Never show your garden to anybody.

Never set up in an apartment.

Did we mention never to show your garden to anybody?

Oh and Never show your garden to anybody.

Be careful when speaking or visiting other growers. Any advice you give to them can be used as evidence against you and you will be legally penalized to



the fullest extent of the law as if you were the owner of their grow room!

A smart grower drives a street-legal car, with no warrants out for his/her arrest (this includes overdue parking tickets), pays bills on time, is nice to nosy neighbors, and doesn't throw any wild out of control house parties.

Avoid setting up in a place with gardeners, heavy foot traffic, or an area with nosy neighbors.

Pay all your bills on time.

Do not show ANYBODY your operation. Not even your significant other. Even if it is your best friend if they happen to become interrogated by the cops they WILL legally use deception and psychological persuasion / intimidation tactics to get your "friend" to squeal on you. Interrogation can last for months.

The more people that know, the higher your risk of being raided. Privacy is important - If you happen to run out of bud you're carrying and you have the urge to hit the master stash and show back up with your friends with another fresh sack of fine cannabis, suspicion will rise and so will the questions.

When taking pictures of your grow room always store the photos in a safe place and never use traditional film. When film is developed they can discover your grow room with ease.



Purchasing Cannabis Grow Equipment

Always pay with cash or make sure the company you are purchasing products from is reputable and has a secure privacy policy to protect their customers.

Park your car away from the grow shop, or take your friend's car. If the people in the grow shop suspect that you are growing cannabis, all they have to do is look outside and get your license plate number. This may sound like a bit of a paranoid thing to do, but park around the corner, or down the block! After all, the less information they have about you, the better. Keep in mind that your car is easy to trace and follow home.

Some certain nosy people have been known to tap into phone lines of local grow shops to find unsuspecting suspects. Always use a pay phone with a phone card or coins.

Pay all bills and purchases with cash if you can. It leaves no trails. Pay for mail order merchandise with a money order sent to a "safe" address. When making purchases online always have your equipment delivered to an address that is not your grow location.



Don't look like you grow cannabis when buying in a store. This means that you should not walk into the local garden shop sporting a "LEGALIZE IT" t-shirt. Going into a shop stoned will not help either. Wearing respectable clothes, and looking well groomed will eliminate the idea that you are the worlds biggest stoner about to grow some serious buds, purchasing all this gear for the cultivation of cannabis! Depending on the person in the shop, they could alert the authorities and give them your name, a list of things you bought, your house address, your car's plates etc all for a tasty compensation reward. Its a cold world out there and suspicion of any kind is never a good thing!

When you leave the shop, ask them if they have a box you can put your gear in. Walking from the shop to the car opens yourself up to all kinds of attention if you're a kid in his mid twenties carrying an HPS, nutrients etc under your arms in broad daylight.

Don't flounder about in the shop, you will get stressed and make mistakes and might even call necessary attention to yourself. Know exactly what it is that you want by making a TOBUY list *before* you enter the shop. That way you can simply go in, get the stuff, come out. No problems.



If you can get a very trusted friend to get it all for you, then you can relax. Obviously, they aren't growing, since he bought the equipment for you. Suspicious people can watch your friend sit in his home on the couch all they want, they don't know that you are the one who is actually growing!

Unload all your grow room equipment slowly piece by piece at a time, or from within a locked closed garage whenever available. Perhaps put an old cardboard box in your car, and before going into the house, pack all the stuff into the box. This just means that nosey neighbors won't have a clue. Neighbors will watch you, don't be so stupid to think they won't. After all, some neighbors can be very nosey. Carrying equipment in using black garbage bags is a definite no-no! Try using either a backpack or an old TV box, then everyone can look at you, and they'll just think you've got a new TV!

For the really paranoid, it might be a good idea to buy your lighting from one shop, drive across town and buy your nutes/soil from another shop and so forth. This will eliminate the people making a direct connection between you, and cannabis cultivation. Of course, pay only with cash, as anyone specifically monitoring your actions could see that you've made 6 different purchases, from all over town, with the exact equipment for cultivating cannabis. This would be a sure sign that something fishy is up.



Have a pre-determined reason and mentally rehearsed conversation about why you are purchasing certain grow equipment. It is important to visualize this occurrence beforehand so you do not appear nervous in any way shape or form. If the person in the grow shop politely asks "What are you going to be growing" and you fumble and say "UMM CAULIFLOWER", that could be a sign that you're stressed, and are hiding something. Research other things that require similar things to cannabis. For example, if you are wanting to buy a few HPS's, find out what other plant requires a good HPS. Some serious tomatoes thats what! This also relates to other equipment. This will help you walk into the shop confidently, and have no paranoia during the purchase. An idea (but be careful, this may not apply to every situation) is to say you are buying it for your boss, and you were just instructed to go to the shop and get it for him. HPS lights are used commonly as security lights, use that to your advantage.

Take your time planning everything. I'm sure you've paid much attention to ensuring your house wont smell of bud, that your grow room is light proof, why would you go attracting attention to yourself when purchasing the goods?



This is something many people overlook, and can result in paranoia attacks later on in your grow(when it really counts). The means that you shouldn't leave your wallet on the counter, don't give them your phone-number, don't smell of weed, don't fumble when asked questions. The number one rule is safety, and if these people have no hint of an idea that you are growing weed, that is excellent! Just be careful, be calm, and be confident. Besides, you have nothing to worry about!

If you can, buy whatever you need from non-grow shops, for example, buying a HPS security light from a hardware store will save much hassle, no-one will suspect a thing.

Remember, as far as they are concerned, you are buying this stuff to grow perfectly LEGAL things remember? Relax.

Be safe.

