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## DISPENSARIES

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The Bureau of Cannabis Control is the cannabis regulatory body of California. The Agency is promoting a campaign called “Get #weedwise” to educate consumers about the necessity of only purchasing cannabis from licensed businesses.

The campaign talks about the risks associated with consuming unlicensed products from illegal vendors. This is something experienced by thousands injured during the recent vape pen emergency. It’s easy to be fooled by professional packaging and a friendly storefront, as is seen across the state. Illegal vendors may not be providing the safety testing required by the State, meaning that you could ingest pesticides, heavy metals or not know the exact potency of what you are using. Licensed products can assure you that quality control testing occurred.

Consumers can verify the legal status of a cannabis business by visiting the Bureau’s Online License Search system at [CApotcheck.com](http://CApotcheck.com), but that’s a lengthy task unlikely taken by shoppers on the go. This is why the Bureau of Cannabis Control’s campaign makes a more significant push towards businesses providing (and consumers looking for) a QR code displayed on a storefront window to verify that the location is a legally licensed retailer. Smart phones can access QR code readers that can interpret the code. This code may also sometimes be found on individual products and when you scan the code, you will be able to access the original test results of the product.

It is best to first consult with a competent licensed healthcare professional, who has made cannabis a specialty of their practice, if you plan to use cannabis as a medicine. Most people working as “bud tenders” (sales people in cannabis retail stores) are not trained in the pharmacology of cannabis or in assessing you for safety in using some products. In particular, there may be some health conditions, or certain drugs that warrant caution around cannabis use.

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NS HARBOR, INC. : Harbor Collective  
TORREY HOLISTICS, INC. : Torrey Holistics  
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