

**Los Angeles Police Department
LD12 Controlled Substances
EV10 Quality of Life
S14 Clandestine Labs**

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Course Goal: To develop basic knowledge how drugs affect the body, types of controlled substance and basic laws dealing with possession, possession for sales and officer safety.

Session Goal: Recruit officer will have an understanding, illegal manufacturing and/or cultivating site for controlled substances based on observations, upon discovery and take appropriate actions.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize the crime elements required to arrest for manufacturing a controlled substance. **[12.III.A.6]**
- Recognize the crime elements required to arrest for possession of precursor chemicals for manufacturing. **[12.III.A.7]**
- Recognize the crime elements required to arrest for cultivating or harvesting marijuana. **[12.III.B.3]**
- Identify the characteristics of a clandestine lab/ illegal marijuana cultivation. **[12.IV.A]**
- Identify types of clandestine labs/ illegal marijuana cultivation. **[12.IV.B]**
- Identify the required safety precautions when securing a clandestine lab/ illegal marijuana cultivation. **[12.IV.C]**

Session Time: 1 hour

Resources:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptop with media software and power point developed for this Session. • LD 12 	
Session Summary: In this session the class will be separated by groups and a drug category will be assigned to each group. The groups will be given time to read their portion and create a presentation to teach the material to the class. Upon completion of each presentation, the instructor will discuss any content that was omitted.	
Outline	Instructor Notes
<p>A. Cultivating or Harvesting Marijuana</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 11358. HS Every person who plants, cultivates, harvests, dries, or processes any marijuana or any part thereof. 2. Crime elements for the crime of cultivating or harvesting marijuana, include that a person: 	<p>[12.III.B.3] Lecture: Cultivating or Harvesting Marijuana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11358 H&S <p>Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has knowledge is there

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<p>indirectly, in the manufacturing, conversion, production, or preparation of a controlled substance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">b. The manufacturing of a controlled substance is classified as a felony. <p>2. Evidence of manufacturing or preparing a controlled substance by chemical synthesis may come from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Precursor chemicals used to make controlled substances.b. Laboratory equipment (i.e., chemicals, glassware, electrical devices, etc.).c. Receipts, literature, or formulas.d. Associates.e. Have prior arrests.f. Statements of admission/consciousness of guilt. <p>C. Possession of Precursor Chemicals for Manufacturing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Any person who possesses certain precursor chemicals with the intent to manufacture controlled substances has committed a crime.2. 11383 HS Possession of precursor chemicals for manufacturing. The possession of precursor chemicals for manufacturing, the necessary crime elements include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Knowledge of their presence.b. Possesses specified precursor chemicals.c. Intent to manufacture controlled substances.3. Possession of precursor chemicals for manufacturing purposes is classified as a felony.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benefits• Directly or indirectly.• Felony <p>[12.III.A.7] Lecture: Possession of Precursor Chemicals for Manufacturing.</p>
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<p>4. Precursor chemical is a substance from which another substance is formed.</p> <p>II. Clandestine Laboratories.</p> <p>A. Identifying Characteristics of Clandestine Laboratories/ Illegal Marijuana Cultivation.</p> <p>1. Dangers associated with identifying illegal marijuana cultivation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Electrical Hazards, illegal bypass of electrical panel, exposed wiring, high voltage lighting. b. Fire, electrical fires, open flamed heaters and light ballasts fires. c. Inhalation, high levels of CO2 gasses or mold. d. Chemicals and fertilizers. <p>2. Suspects and their actions. Suspects may re-enforced doors, set booby traps, be armed, have vicious dogs.</p> <p>3. Legal Justification civil litigation (reference departmental policy and jurisdictional tolerance).</p> <p>4. Location of illegal marijuana cultivation can be found in any structure. The locations are usually determined so they will least likely be detected (e.g., residences, [vacant home, apartments, etc.], businesses, any location with access to a power source).</p> <p>5. Illegal outdoor marijuana cultivation can be found in any location. The locations are usually determined so they will least likely be detected (e.g., open areas, state/national parks, residences [backyards]).</p> <p>6. Initiating an investigation into illegal marijuana cultivation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. An investigation involving illegal indoor/outdoor marijuana 	<p>[12.IV.A] Lecture: Clandestine Laboratories. Characteristics of an illicit drug laboratory and related dangers.</p> <p>Types of meth Labs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational: labs actively produce drugs. • Non-operational: labs are set up to produce drugs, but are not operating; all of the chemicals or vital pieces of apparatus may / may not be present. • Boxed Lab: labs are “boxed” they are not set up to produce drugs because the chemicals and apparatus are packed away. <p>Lecture: Location of illegal marijuana cultivation</p>
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<p>cultivation can be initiated by multiple sources.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The public noticed a very distinct and peculiar odor and noticed unusual car/foot traffic.2) Public utilities, unusual activity, and evidence of bypass. <ol style="list-style-type: none">b. Peace officers, while on a radio call for other reasons noticed a very distinct and peculiar odor or observed activity associated with illegal marijuana cultivation.c. Criminals, wanted to provide information on drug dealers and illegal marijuana grows.d. Fire department may respond to an explosion or fire and identified the cause of the fire. <p>7. Types of marijuana cultivations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Outdoor on Public lands, backyards, farms, any location the plants can be grown and is least likely to be detected (must have a water source).b. Indoor on Foreclosed homes, rental properties, warehouses, unethical businesses, mobile homes, motel rooms (any location with access to a power source). <p>8. No matter what type of marijuana cultivation there are potential dangers. Peace officers need to be aware of the possibility of explosion, atmospheric contamination, exposure to chemicals, booby traps or armed subjects.</p> <p>B. Types of illegal indoor marijuana cultivation operations.</p>	
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