

Drug Sales Get Trippy



Sign on Shroom House Shop

Magic mushroom shop opens in Portland

The country's first over-the-counter magic mushroom shop is open in Portland. Tons of residents took the whimsical store. The Shroom House which is referred to as a wellness shop by the owner is located on West Burnside and is getting attention around the country. With its arrival sparking fears that Portland's record-murder rate and soaring violent crime problems will spike further. The Shroom

House is selling psychedelic fungi with catchy names ranging from \$70 to \$95 per 7-gram baggie. Customers have to be at least 21, provide two forms of identification, and fill out a questionnaire that asks about depression and anxiety, among other things.

Before purchasing from the Shroom shop customers must fill out paperwork to become a member of the "Shroom House Society." The application states the businesses' board "will consider your application at which time it will be rejected or accepted."

Oregon passed measure 109 in November 2020. The law forbids the drug from being sold at retail

shops and says it must be taken on-premises at the state-approved centers under the guidance of a worker trained in a program approved by the Oregon Health Authority. However, Oregon will start accepting applications for permits to sell psilocybin products from January 2, 2023.

"Retail sales of psilocybin are not legal under Oregon law," said Sam Chapman, executive director of the Healing Advocacy Fund, who advocated for Measure 109, which legalized magic mushrooms in Oregon. "Nothing in Measure 109 or any other law allows the sale of psilocybin mushrooms today or in the future," he stated.

The store also sells non-psychedelic products such as teas and "elixirs" made with a vitamin-rich mushroom with purported brain benefits.

The Oregon Health Authority doesn't have any licensed psilocybin dispensaries at this time, and OHA says it does not deal with enforcement or regulation and that would be up to the police. Portland police say they are aware the store is open and selling mushrooms but won't give details on the activity of the bureau's Narcotics and Organized Crime unit.



Photo Courtesy of the OLCC website

Mandatory Cannabis Recall Issued

OLCC issues mandatory recall for marijuana extract products; investigation to determine cause

The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) have issued a mandatory recall for several marijuana products due to the potential presence of pesticides. The possible marijuana product contamination is a result of failure to follow OLCC and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) rules for tracking and isolating marijuana products where the presence of pesticides has been detected.

This recall has been issued for 9,300 units that were still on the market and affects 13,600 units that were sold to consumers. The recall is being issued to ensure that licensees do not sell, and customers do not consume the effected products, because OLCC investigators cannot determine if the potential contamination is isolated or is widespread through the product lines.

These products were manufactured under the trade names Bobsled and Quantum Alchemy. A list of these products can be found on the OLCC website product recall page. The OLCC has notified cannabis retailers about the recall, advising that these products are under a mandatory recall with instructions on how the products must be destroyed or returned to a licensed supplier for destruction. The state's Cannabis Tracking System to detected potential-

ly tainted products, contact the licensees that produced the impacted brands and locate all the questionable items distributed and sold through Oregon's regulated market.

Inspectors will follow up with licensees in possession of the affected products to ensure they are removed from sale, isolated from other inventory, and then ultimately destroyed according to OLCC rules. Customers who have purchased this product can either return it to the licensed retailer they purchased it from or destroy the product.

The OLCC has not identified any fault by the laboratory that conducted the pesticide analysis. The items identified as subject to the mandatory recall are related to batches that originally failed testing for pesticides. Under OHA rules, manufacturers must follow certain procedures to retest any failed batches, and may only remediate the suspect product under certain circumstances. The manufacturers of the products identified did not follow proper procedures in tracking, retesting, and isolating the affected marijuana products.

An investigation started on November 29, 2022. The companies that produce Bobsled products (Bobsled, LLC) and Quantum Alchemy products (Happy Hollow Farms, Inc.) are cooperating with OLCC in the isolation and destruction of the affected items. Although the discovery of these incidents occurred simultaneously, OLCC is investigating them as separate incidents.

Consumers with health-related concerns about a recalled product should contact the Oregon Poison Center at 800-222-1222, or their medical provider.



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