

What If...

If you find signs of cultivation:

1. Get out immediately!
Do not linger to take photos of coordinates.
2. Go back the way you came.
You've already established that the route is safe.
3. Make as little noise as possible.
If the garden is occupied, they may not be aware of you.
4. Get to a safe location.
Run, walk, crawl or hide... just make yourself safe.
5. Notify FICC Dispatch.
Use a phone if you have one. Criminals scan our radios.
If you use your radio, be vague but make your needs clearly known.
6. Be prepared to provide your exact location.
Coordinates are great but a physical description will do.
7. Get to your vehicle if possible
If you can, drive away. Call for rangers to meet you.
8. Rangers WILL come to escort you out.
No matter where you are or what time of day, if you are in danger, help will come.

FICC Dispatch:

909-383-5651

760-786-2330

888-233-6518



Marijuana Cultivation in Death Valley National Park



Safety First

Before Going Into the Field:

1. Pre-Plan
Know what to do and what to look for.
2. Check Area Status w/ Protection
Is this a known problem area?
3. Ensure You Have Communications
Do you have functional radios or phones?
4. Have a Safety Tailgate
Brief your team on hazards & mitigations
5. Share Your Itinerary
Tell someone where you will be
6. Check-In / Check-Out
Let someone know your status
7. Travel in Pairs When Possible
Groups are less likely to be confronted, more likely to see hazards, and can provide aide to each other.

Remember:

Marijuana can grow anywhere there is water and a little soil.

Marijuana and marijuana gardeners require the same things as all people, plants and wildlife. Any location that has supported or could support humans, plants and animals is a potential garden.

Be Alert

Look Out For:



Black vinyl hose
Fertilizer
Root balls
Signs of digging



Limbed or felled trees
Camp structures made of native wood



Piles of dead stems
Level, cleared areas
Unusual trails
Unusual litter on trails



Anything or anybody that seems out of place at that location.

Tip: Fresh marijuana smells a little like skunk.