# Why We're Adressing Product Safety

There is important discourse happening regarding product safety regulations in the Maine medical cannabis industry. Currently in the state of Maine, medical cannabis is not subject to required testing for contaminants.

In an effort to learn more about Maine's Medical Cannabis, the Maine Office of Cannabis Policy sent 127 samples across 3 certified labs testing against the Maine AU mandatory requirements. Participation in this investigation was voluntary.

In this study, an OCP field investigator made an unscheduled visit to our storefront, and was handed a random sample directly from one of the jars on our shelf. This sample was then sent to Nelson Analytical Lab for assessment.

While there was a fail rate of 45%, (57 out of the 127 participants)
Stoner&Co's sample was clean in all areas.

View those test results here: <u>tinyurl.com/StonerandCoOCPTestResults</u>

#### About Nelson Analytical Lab

Nelson Analytical Lab is accredited to the ISO 17025 standards, an international standard for testing laboratories. They are certified by the Maine Adult Use Cannabis Program, the Maine Drinking Water Program, and the New Hampshire Drinking Water Program.

All Stoner&Co products are tested at Nelson Analytical Lab. Since our founding in 2015, we have been working closely with their Maine Laboratory Director, who has gone above and beyond to ensure that the highest standards for testing are being met.

#### Additional Resources

Stoner&Co Test Results:

stonerandco.com/testresults

Required Analyte Types for Mandatory Testing (What Adult Use facilities are required to test for):

<u>maine.gov/dafs/ocp/resources/guidance-documents/mandatory-testing</u>

Maine OCP Cannabis Conversations Series:

maine.gov/dafs/ocp/cannabisconversation

Portland Press Herald Article on the OCP's investigation of medical cannabis samples across the state:

tinyurl.com/PressHerald-OCPmedtesting

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#### At Stoner&Co.

we believe that transparency is key. In compliance with regulations through the Maine Office of Cannabis Policy, all of our products are subject to quality control testing. We proudly and happily share these test results with our patients and vendors.

If there are any questions or concerns about our products or test results, we invite you to contact us.

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### How We're Raising the Bar

- Because we have a foot in both medical and adult use markets, we align procedures across our two facilities to ensure consistency at the highest level
- Our adult use and medical gardens are meticulously monitored by an expert team of dedicated gardeners. The only difference between our AU and medical gardens is the scope of the operations.
- While not required by the State of Maine, we still periodically test our medical products for major indicators of cleanliness including mold, pesticides, and heavy metals.
- Our gardens are 100% pesticide free.
   Simple as that.
- We partake in our own cannabis because we have full confidence in our outstanding quality and thorough safety measures. Bottom line: we're Stoners taking care of Stoners because that is what family is all about...when you smoke, you smoke with us.

#### Yeast and Mold: The Facts

- Yeast and mold standards exist in all consumables, including grocery products.
- However, the fact is that some yeast and mold exists everywhere - from your food, to the air you breath both indoor and outdoors.
- A certain amount of yeast, mold and other contaminants are considered safe for human consumption. Adult use cannabis samples must test below the following Microbial limits (cfu = colony forming unit):

Yeast and Mold 10,000cfu/g or less Total Aerobic Bacteria 100,000 cfu/g or less Total Coliform 1000 cfu/g or less Enterobacteriaceae 1000 cfu/g or less E. coli and Salmonella must be negative per gram.

 When it comes to indoor cannabis gardens, if you have one plant that is going to fail yeast/mold testing, they all will. If a sample from a batch passes testing and is proven clean, it is safe to say that the entire batch is clean as well. Environmental factors, such as air quality, play an extremely important roll here.