

# Preventing Cannabis Cultivation

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# Context

Research suggests there are over 500,000 people growing cannabis in the UK

95% of cannabis factories are domestic properties, almost all of which are rented





# Associated Crime

Violent and Organised  
Crime

Drug Dealing

Burglary

Money Laundering

Human Trafficking and

Modern Day Slavery

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# Legislation

Section 8 Misuse of Drugs Act

Section 328 Proceeds of Crime Act

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# The Tenancy

**Inconsistencies between letting and tenancy**

**Lack of visible activity**

**High vehicle turnover**

**Additional fortifications**

**Blacked out doors/windows**

**Buzz of ventilation / lighting**

**Strong lighting inside property**

**Unusual warmth / condensation**

**Gardening equipment**

**Build up of unopened post**

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# Take Action

Conduct visits on a quarterly basis.  
Cannabis plants take 10-14 weeks to reach maturity.

Do not alert the tenant to your suspicion.  
Do not try to enter the property yourself.

Contact West Midlands Police on: 101  
999 if an offender is present  
Contact Crimestoppers anonymously on:  
0800 555 111

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# Alerting Police / Crimestoppers

## Tenant Details

Name:  
Previous Address:  
Contact telephone:  
Email:  
Bank account no and sort code:  
Vehicles concerned:  
Referee name:  
Referee address:  
Referee contact telephone:

## Property Details

Address:  
Tenancy dates:  
Landlord/Property owner:  
Landlord/property owner  
contact telephone:



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