

EXHIBITOR MANUAL

(updated April 4th, 2024)

EXHIBITOR LOAD-IN JANUARY 19, 2026

General Load-In (carry in) and Setup:

Monday, January 19th, 2026 – 1pm - 8pm

MAIN EXPO JANUARY 20-21, 2026

Exhibitor Portal

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1. BOOTHS INCLUDE:

10 X 10 BOOTH:

- 10' x 10' booth space (pipe & drape)
- 8' black backdrop, 3' black side rails
- (3) Three - Industry Pass (2-Days)
- 1 - 6' table and 2 chairs (if required)
- Company listing on the Grow Up Conference website
- Company listing in the official show guide

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2. BOOTHS DO NOT INCLUDE

Telephone, Internet/Wifi, A/V, Water and Electrical Services must be ordered through the Vancouver Convention Centre (VCC) – see sections below.

The following services can be ordered from our service contractor Levy:

- Additional furnishing
- Signage
- Carpet (NOTE: The expo floor is currently carpeted)
- Display
- Labour

All order forms are available on your Exhibitor portal.

3. CHECK LIST

- ☐ Register your Conference Delegate(s) / booth attendees online - (see Appendix 1)
- ☐ **Provide proof of exhibitor insurance - Mandatory (See #14)**
- ☐ Order Electrical, A/V, Telecommunication (phone and Internet) services from Encore (see sections 10)
- ☐ Order Booth Decorations (see sections 19)
- ☐ Book Load-in Time with Exhibition Manager (see sections 15)
- ☐ Book Accommodations at Hotel (see sections 12)
<https://growupconference.com/toronto/hotel-travel/>

4. GROW UP CONTACT INFO

Grow Up Conference and Expo

176 Young Street, Welland, ON L3B 4C8
Tel: 1-866-GROW-UP-1 Cell: 905-324-8528
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<https://www.growupconference.com>

5. GROW UP STAFF

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6. CUSTOMS BROKER

The customs broker for Grow Up is Levy who will be pleased to help you with your customs clearance of goods being imported into Canada. They will provide you with an exhibitor kit, containing all appropriate customs and shipping documents. To receive this kit, please contact Levy directly:

Betty Luong, Senior Account Executive

Levy

Tel: 604-218-1162
www.levyshow.com
gbluong@levyshow.com

7. EXHIBIT BOOTH LOCATIONS

Industry Expo - Ballroom B&C & Expo Hall A
Brand & Buyers - Expo Hall A

8. EXHIBITOR STAFFING

- Each Exhibitor must ensure that there is at least one (1) of their Exhibit Staff on duty at the booth at all times during exhibition hours.
- Exhibit Staff must wear laminates at all times, including during exhibit setup.
- Exhibit Staff will be required to produce identification or a letter of authorization from the company they are representing.
- No exhibit load-in may commence until proper laminates are collected from Grow Up
- If you would like to have additional staff at your booth, please contact Grow Up to purchase additional passes.

9. ELECTRICAL, INTERNET & A/V SERVICES

Vancouver Convention Centre

Tessmer Mitchell, Exhibit Services Coordinator
exhibitservices@vancouverconventioncentre.com
M +1 604-787-7983

10. CONVENTION – CONTACT INFO

Evelyn Fagnani, Event Manager
Vancouver Conference Centre
1055 Canada Pl, Vancouver, BC V6C 0C3
Cell: 604 647 7279
efagnani@vancouverconventioncentre.com

11. HOTEL – GUEST ROOMS / RESERVATIONS

Grow Up has arranged special rates at the following:
Hotel: Sandman Hotel Vancouver Downtown
Group Name: Grow Up Conference Open Block
Block ID: 590626
\$129 CAD per night
Additional accommodations including dinner reservations can be found here: <https://growupconference.com/vancouver/hotel/>

12. INSURANCE – MANDATORY

Mandatory: Exhibitors must have valid exhibit insurance in advance of the Conference with their insurance broker or agent. Insurance policy number must be provided to Grow Up prior to load-in. We work with MaxxCann, but you are free to use your own insurance company.
Scott Wilkins, Senior Broker
MaxxCann Insurance
250-715-6868
scottw@maxxcann.ca

Grow Up will not accept any claim for loss due to fire, theft or damage of exhibits, nor will it be held liable for personal injury caused by an exhibit or exhibitor.

13. LOAD-IN / LOAD-OUT

Loading docks are available on-site and are on a first-come first-served basis. Parking on the docks while setting up your booth is not permitted. Vehicles must unload and depart the dock.

If you require more than 3 hours to set-up your booth please contact the Exhibition Manager to schedule an earlier load time.

Exhibition Service

Exhibitor Manager
expo@growupconference.com

EXPO: TUE. JANUARY 20 - WED. JANUARY 21

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Monday, January 19th, 2026 – 1pm - 8pm

Load-out will begin after the close of the Expo:

Wednesday, January 21st, 2026 – 3pm - 10pm

All exhibits must be struck at that time and removed as soon as possible. **No exhibits may be struck earlier than 3:00 pm.**

Only when your exhibit is packed and ready for transport will your vehicle be permitted access to the loading dock.

14. NOISE

Grow Up reminds everyone to respect your fellow neighbour and keep the noise to a manageable level.

15. EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION

Exhibitor Registration will be located at the loading docks of the convention centre. All exhibitors and their helpers are required to pick up passes BEFORE load-in of their exhibits. This is extremely important for security reasons. No one will be admitted to the Exhibit Area without a pass.

16. SECURITY

Professional security will be on-duty during the conference and exhibition hours. Please be sure to have your exhibitor badge with you at all times to ensure you are not denied access to the Exhibit area.

17. SERVICE CONTRACTOR

Levy Show Services

Betty Luong, Senior Account Executive

bluong@levyshow.com

Tel: 1-604-277-1726

www.levyshow.com

210-12011 Riverside Way, Richmond, BC, V6W 1K6

Call Levy to arrange for any of these services:

- tables and chairs
- additional furnishings
- booth carpeting
- signage
- display labour
- transportation & storage
- secure storage racks
- custom brokerage

18. SHIPPING INFORMATION

For shipping from outside Canada, please contact Levy for custom brokerage services. Please note that if shipping to the VCC, Levy offers onsite and advance material handling. Please make arrangements with Levy beforehand.

19. STORAGE

There will be limited storage available to exhibitors on the exhibition floor. If you require storage space for boxes, cases, or other booth-related items, please contact the Exhibition Manager by phone or email with your request.

All items stored in the exhibit floor storage area are done so at your own risk. Please make sure to label and secure belongings. Valuable items are not recommended in the storage area. Empty storage is included if the exhibitor pays for either onsite or advance material handling, this is a per pound fee to the exhibitor

20. EXPO HOURS

Booths must be staffed during all Grow Up Expo operating hours:

- Tuesday, January 20, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 21, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

21. FOOD AND BEVERAGE

No outside food and beverage will be permitted in the expo. Food and Beverage offerings must be ordered through the Delta Hotel.

APPENDIX 1 – EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION

To register, please follow the steps online <https://growupconference.com/login/>

Note that whomever processes and completes the Booth/Sponsor package has created/used their own Eventdex account. Thus, the package/order will remain under their account under the "Order Summary" in the field called "Order BY". Your company will require this person's Eventdex login details in order to complete your staff's details for their badges to be picked up at our registration desk on site.

Your booth purchase indicates the TICKET/BADGE TYPE and QUANTITY for each.

If you require additional badges for your staff as Exhibitors/Delegates you must purchase these additionally online our registration page - use the promotional code 2026-EXHIBITOR to receive a 25% discount

If you do not know the names of who will attend Grow Up Conference & Expo, you may leave the badge types under the Buyers name, then edit these respectively. To edit the names for the badges, simply log into your Eventdex account: www.growupconference.com/login. Select the "Event" Grow Up Conference & Expo, then "My Tickets". Here you will see all ticket types and you may edit the names/emails of your staff by clicking on the edit icon - aka the green pencil. Don't forget to hit the 'Save' button!

To purchase additional passes, the same Buyer Login details should be used.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE: "Lead Retrieval" is NOT a Badge Type, but rather a feature included in your booth purchase. Therefore anyone's name associated with "Lead Retrieval" will not be granted a badge/entry to the event.

If you will have more than 5 people attending Grow Up Conference & Expo from your company, or you did not purchase your booth online, please contact our Registration Manager, registration@growupconference.com (no later than Friday, January 16, 2026), to upload your staff directly using a Google Sheets document:

Should you have any questions, or require assistance with this process, please contact: registration@growupconference.com.

Lead Retrieval

Use the same Ordered By login details as above to use your "Lead Retrieval" license. Up to three staff may use the same login details to access use of the license at the same time.

APPENDIX 2 – SAMPLING

Sampling will only be permitted by approved participating brands that have purchased the sample add-on. This includes Brands and Buyers exhibitors, Mendo Pavilion participants and Speed Networking participants. All others will be removed from the premises.

At Grow Up, we value the opportunity for you to showcase your products to our retail and budtender attendees. To ensure a smooth and successful event, we kindly ask you to follow these guidelines when distributing samples:

1. SAMPLING ADD-ON:

Prior to distributing any samples, you must obtain written approval from Grow Up organizers. Please submit your request to samples@growupexpo.com, detailing all of the product(s) you plan to distribute, the quantity, and any additional pertinent information.

2. VERIFY ATTENDEE'S CANCELL STATUS:

Distribute samples exclusively to attendees with a Sampling wristband AND Selling It Right ID# on their badges. Always check for a Selling It Right designation on their conference badge before handing out samples.

3. COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS:

Guarantee that all samples comply with local, provincial, and federal regulations. This encompasses proper packaging, labeling, excise stickers and adherence to quantity restrictions. All samples must have a sticker that says something to the effect of "For education purposes only. Not for resale." Each cannabis product sample must not exceed 3.5 grams of dried cannabis or its equivalent. You are responsible for staying informed about current regulations.

4. STORAGE AND HANDLING:

Safely and securely store and handle samples, adhering to any specific storage requirements.

5. EDUCATE ATTENDEES:

Sampling is for educational purposes only. Offer information about the product, its ingredients, and proper usage. Encourage responsible consumption and make sure attendees understand any potential risks associated with the product.

6. TRACK DISTRIBUTION:

Grow Up provides a lead retrieval system that allows you to maintain a record of the samples you distribute. This will help you manage inventory and gather valuable insights about your target audience. We recommend using an additional method of tracking as a back up.

7. NO SALES:

Please note that sales of cannabis products are strictly prohibited at the conference. Your focus should be on showcasing your brand and educating attendees.

8. CLEANLINESS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT:

Keep your booth clean and organized at all times. Dispose of any waste generated from sample distribution in the designated waste disposal areas.

The information on this page is meant as a guide only. Grow Up is not responsible for providing legal cannabis advice. It is the responsibility of each individual attendee, brand, LP, exhibitor and delegate to know the federal, provincial and local rules and regulations as it pertains to them. Grow Up can not guarantee that sampling will be available onsite. Educational sampling is an additional benefit to the conference and expo.

REFERENCE: CANNABIS SAMPLING*

Items, Benefits and Services Related to Education or Training:

Standard 6.5 also allows licensed retailers to accept items, benefits or services that are related to education or training. Examples of items, benefits and services related to education and training may include:

- Education or training sessions or materials
Including education or training outside of the licensed retail store (e.g., participating in such a session as part of a tour of an LP's facility)
- Modest meals and refreshments during the education or training
- Cannabis product samples directly related to education or training
- The expectation is that sample sizes would be a small quantity of a particular strain of cannabis or product available in Ontario
- Samples of a particular strain of cannabis or product should be received infrequently

Class of Cannabis	Equivalent to 1g dried flower
dried cannabis	1 gram
fresh cannabis	5 grams
solids containing cannabis	15 grams
non-solids containing cannabis, other than cannabis beverages	70 grams
cannabis plant seeds	1 seed
cannabis concentrates	.25 grams
cannabis beverages	570 grams

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EXHIBITOR LEAD RETRIEVAL

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is working with Eventdex to provide you with EASY TO USE Lead Retrieval App which will help you capture attendee information and converting them to leads.



Download the Eventdex app to your phone either by visiting www.eventdex.com or the Google Play Store/Apple App store.

Scan the QR-Codes on the left to download the App from Google Play or simply search Eventdex and for the Apple App store click [Here](#).

After you download the App, please sign-up from the app using the same email address that you have used to sign-up for the event.

If you need any assistance, contact us at support@eventdex.com

Each booth receives lead retrieval for up to 3 devices

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VENDORS LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

January 19, 20 & 21 2026

VENDOR INSURANCE INFORMATION/REQUIREMENT SHEET

Event Location: **Vancouver Convention Centre**
1055 Canada Pl, Vancouver, BC V6C 0C3

- The Exhibitor must provide GrowUp with written proof of Insurance (certificate) preceding the opening date of the show.
- If your Insurance broker cannot easily supply a COI - We have arranged for an easy on line self serve option (link below).
- The average cost is \$70 for all three days.
- The Policy from the link is populated with the below requirements.
Please follow VENDOR LINK below for Insurance Policy:

<https://www.palcanada.com/growupconference2026>

If you go through your Insurance provider please have them follow the below instructions for the COI:

The Exhibitor shall obtain and maintain at its own expense a comprehensive general liability and all risk property insurance policy acceptable to GrowUp for the period commencing on the first move-in date and terminating on the last move-out date of the Show.

The policy shall name both:

1) 2586171 ONTARIO INC. O/A GROW UP CONFERENCE & EXPO

176 Young Street
Welland, ON L3B 4C8

AND

2) B.C. Pavilion Corporation dba Vancouver Convention Centre

Suite 200-999 Canada Place
Vancouver BC, V6C3C1

As:

Additional Insureds against all claims of any kind arising from or in any way connected with the Exhibitor's presence or operations at the Vancouver GrowUp Conference, Awards & Expo January 19, 20 & 21 2026. The policy shall provide a minimum limit of Liability of -

\$2,000,000 CAD for each separate occurrence.

If you are unable to use the link above, contact our Insurance Providers BELOW:

Scott Wilkins

Maxxam Insurance Services (Penticton) Ltd.

DL - 250-715-6868

scottw@maxxaminsurance.com