



ABSOLUTE SCOOP

DID YOU KNOW?

The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy (BOP) may visit your facility randomly?

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OHIO STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY OVERSIGHT

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The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy (BOP) is responsible for administering and enforcing laws governing the practice of pharmacy and the legal distribution of drugs. In addition, they are responsible for ensuring the quality of all drugs administered, prescribed, dispensed by prescription, or sold over-the-counter. The BOP has the authority to discipline its licensees and registrants for violations of both state and federal laws governing the legal distribution of drugs.

In order to house contingency drug stock at a facility, Absolute Pharmacy maintains a Terminal Distributor of Dangerous Drugs (TDDD) License through the BOP for each location that has a starter box on-site. Therefore, BOP Inspectors, Compliance Specialists, or Field Agents may visit a facility randomly, on a routine basis (typically completed every two to three years), or after drug theft or loss has been reported. Consultant Pharmacists holding the facility TDDD license are required to report to the BOP and law enforcement immediately upon the discovery of any theft or significant loss of pharmacy-supplied contingency stock drugs (controlled and non-controlled). It is also best practice for the facility to maintain a policy and procedure for investigating and reporting ANY theft or significant loss, whether it be patient-specific or contingency stock.

Although this may sound intimidating (and that Absolute Pharmacy should have made this a scary Halloween edition), the mission of the BOP is to act efficiently, consistently, and impartially in the public interest to pursue optimal standards of practice through communication, education, legislation, and enforcement. To accomplish this, inspections are a necessary piece to uphold patient care standards. So, keep calm, don't panic, cooperate, and provide assistance to the BOP agent if they are on-site.

Upon inspection, BOP agents may assess the following items:

- Refrigerators/freezers used for drug storage are maintained at proper temperature.
 - Temperatures must be checked and recorded at least once daily.
- Refrigerators/freezers used for drug storage are free of food and beverages.
- Only authorized persons have access to medication rooms and supplies.
- Medication carts are secured and accessible by only one nurse at a time.
- Controlled substances are removed from contingency stock only after approval is given from the pharmacy.
- Complete and accurate destruction records of controlled substances are maintained.
- Controlled substances are disposed of using a method that renders the drug non-retrievable (i.e. RxDestroyer).
- Proper documentation is made regarding the disposal of unused portions of controlled substances resulting from patient administration.
- Active drug stock is free from expired/adulterated drugs.
 - Packaging may not be punctured or taped.



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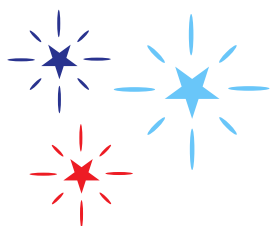
- Patient-specific medications are stored appropriately.
 - Multidose medications are dated when opened and replaced at appropriate intervals.
- Facility maintains a limited license for medical gases/oxygen as required (unless all gases are resident specific).
- All required records are maintained on-site for three years in a readily retrievable manner (i.e. immunization consents, administration records, etc.).

Absolute's Consultant Pharmacists and Account Managers perform audits on the items listed above during on-site visits, however it is the ultimate responsibility of the facility to be prepared for a Board of Pharmacy inspection at any time.

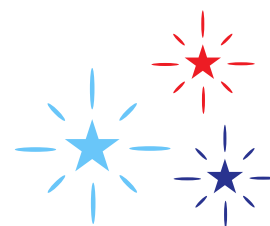
For additional information visit the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy's website at <https://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/> or call telephone number 614-466-4143.

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Please reach out to your Consultant Pharmacist or Account Manager with any questions.



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About the Author



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Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

At the bottom.



What does the Statue of Liberty stand for?

Because it can't sit down.