

ARTICLE XXIV SECURITY OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

1. In all places where controlled substances are maintained, they shall be maintained in a manner to deter loss by theft or burglary. When a person who has a controlled substances registration with the Board of Pharmacy has a loss of controlled substances, the Board may issue an order to that person to appear before the Board to present a plan to the Board that is designed to prevent further loss of controlled substances, or he/she may be ordered by the Board to implement any other reasonable measure to improve security on controlled substances as deemed necessary by the Board to prevent further loss of controlled substances.
2. Storage of controlled substances shall be as follows:
 - A. In a pharmacy, storage of controlled substances in any schedule may be made in a securely locked, substantially constructed container or area; or they may be dispersed throughout the stock of non-controlled substances in such a manner as to obstruct the theft or diversion of the controlled substances; or they may be stored by a combination of these methods.

When an institutional pharmacy dispensing area is closed and the permitted location is accessible to non-pharmacist personnel, all controlled substances must be stored in a securely locked, substantially constructed container or area. Only the pharmacist or person authorized by the pharmacist shall have access to this storage area. Authorization for access to this controlled substances storage area may be granted by the pharmacist, in accordance with written policy of the pharmacy department of the facility.
 - B. In a nursing home or other institution which does not maintain a pharmacy, a securely locked, substantially constructed area shall be provided for storage of all controlled substances. Controlled substances left by the death or discharge of a patient shall be maintained in the drug storage area of the institution until proper disposition of such controlled substances is made. Controlled substances, thus maintained in the drug storage area, shall be kept in a locked cabinet, drawer, or other suitable locked container and only the consultant pharmacist or a person designated by the consultant pharmacist shall have access to the container.
 - C. Expired medication must be secured.