

PHARMACIST TOOLS AND RESOURCES

Arizona currently ranks 12th highest in the nation for individuals 12+ years misusing and abusing prescription drugs.* In Arizona, there is a statewide initiative to prevent prescription drug misuse and abuse. As a pharmacist, you are key to help health consumers understand how to take their medication and help prevent prescription drug abuse and diversion.

Below are training opportunities and tools to assist you in your work:

- Arizona Pharmacy Association (AZPA)** – The Arizona Pharmacy Association offers many continuing education credit opportunities for pharmacists throughout the year on various topics including prescription drug misuse and abuse. To access the continuing education courses, go to www.AZPharmacy.org and click on Continuing Education.
- Fraud Alert – AZ Board of Pharmacy** – Fraud alert replaced the FaxNet system. It collects all of the same information in an easy-to-use online form and allows pharmacies and pharmacists who wish to receive these notices to simply subscribe to them with an e-mail address. When the Arizona Board of Pharmacy gets a Fraud Alert, it's passed along to all subscribers. To report fraud or to sign up for Fraud Alert visit Pharmacy.az.gov and click on Submit a Fraud Alert or Subscribe to e-Bulletin.
- Pharmacy Robbery and Burglary-** The DEA and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy created this document to help pharmacists know what to do if a burglary, robbery or theft occurs in the pharmacy. It includes information on how to prevent robbery and theft, how to react to a robber in your pharmacy and next steps to take after a robbery or burglary has occurred. Go to RethinkRxAbuse.org and click on Rx Initiative, then Dispensers and Prescribers.
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Database** – The Arizona Controlled Substance Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (CSPMP) assists medical professionals in identifying patients who are getting prescriptions from multiple sources. Signing up is easier than ever, data is updated every 24 hours and office designees now have access to the database. To sign up for the CSPMP go to pharmacypmp.az.gov.
- Pharmacy Diversion Red Flags** –The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and various state pharmacy boards describe red flags as circumstances that should raise reasonable suspicion about the validity of a controlled substance prescription. This educational video highlights a number of these potential warning signs, some which are not easy to spot, by weaving personal narratives with interactions between pharmacists and customers. To see the video, go to RethinkRxAbuse.org

Each pharmacist has to decide how to navigate this complicated situation, and as part of the statewide initiative to reduce prescription drug misuse, we are here to help you be successful in any way we can. If you would like more information on the Arizona Rx Misuse and Abuse Initiative please go to RethinkRxAbuse.org.



* National Survey on Drug Use and Health 2014