

DRUG DIVERSION IN THE PHARMACY

During 2000 - 2003, the University of Wisconsin uncovered that:

22 states were affected by¹

Almost

12,894 theft incidents involving¹

90%

28 million dosage units of controlled substances¹

came from pharmacies¹



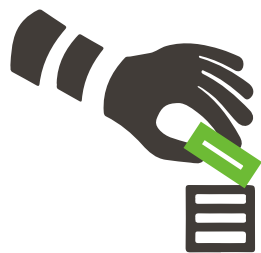
Pharmacy theft is almost as common as bank robberies

About 17 pharmacy thefts occur nationwide every day²

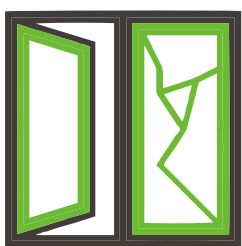
HOW DRUGS LEAVE THE PHARMACY³



Concealed in hidden spots



Dispensed without authorization and stolen



Night break-ins



Robberies

6 QUICK TIPS FOR PHARMACY MANAGEMENT¹



1 BACKGROUND CHECK all employees with access to the pharmacy and license all personnel

2 SECURE all areas as much as possible

3 MAINTAIN operational cameras in sensitive areas

4 INVENTORY MANAGEMENT and controls should be in place

5 WORK WITH your security team

6 COLLABORATE WITH your compliance department

¹ Hayes, Susan. "Drug Diversion: What Your Hospital or Pharmacy Can Do To Avoid Diversion Issues." Pharmacy Outcomes Specialists, 18 July 2014, www.pharmout.com/pharmacy-insights/drug-diversion-what-your-hospital-or-pharmacy-can-do-avoid-diversion-issues.

² "Stopping Controlled Substance Drug Diversion." Volume 2016, Course No. 228, Self-Study Course #160228. pharmacistsletter.therapeuticresearch.com/ce/cecourse.aspx?pc=16-228&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1.

³ CA State Board of Pharmacy. "Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Thefts Reporting and Prevention." Drug Enforcement Administration, Diversion Control Division, Aug. 2013, www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/mtgs/pharm_awareness/conf_2013/august_2013/san_diego/herold.pdf.