

NOTICE



THEFTS OF REGULATED DRUG PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN EPHEDRINE OR PSEUDOEPHEDRINE ARE INCREASING

Pseudoephedrine and ephedrine, both List I chemicals, are highly coveted by drug traffickers who use these chemicals to manufacture illicit methamphetamine. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has received reports of thefts and unexplained losses of quantities of these substances from bulk distributors as well as retail level distributors.

To prevent thefts:

- Maintain a system to control your inventory and monitor for unexplained losses or disappearances.
- DEA registrants also must follow the guidance of 21 U.S.C. 830(e)(1)(G), 21 C.F.R. 1309.72, and 21 C.F.R. 1314.50 in regard to employing persons with controlled substance or listed chemical felony convictions or with adverse administrative actions concerning DEA registrations or applications. Such prevention methods can include employee background checks and routine drug testing. The registrant shall take appropriate action to prevent employee diversion, including limiting an employee's access to List I chemicals.
- Improve physical security with anti-theft measures such as maintaining stock in a segregated area, limiting employee access to stock, and operating alarm systems and surveillance cameras. 21 CFR 1309.71.
- Retail level distributors should place products so that customers do not have direct access to them (behind-the-counter), provide DEA required training to all its employees, maintain a logbook of sales and purchases, and adhere to limits for sales transactions. 21 U.S.C. 830(e); 21 CFR 1314.

In the event of theft:

- A regulated chemical handler must report any unusual or excessive loss or disappearance of a listed chemical to the nearest DEA office at the earliest practicable opportunity and follow up with a written report (DEA Form 107) within 15 days of discovery of the theft or loss regardless of whether the listed chemical is subsequently recovered, or the responsible parties are identified and action taken against them. 21 CFR 1310.05(b)(1).

The Drug Enforcement Administration thanks you for your cooperation in this matter.

For more information, please visit: DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov

To report a Theft or Loss of Listed Chemicals: apps.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/TLR

To report suspicious chemical related activity, please visit: apps.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/CORT

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