



Bureau of Drug Control

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Healthy People. **Healthy Communities.**

Who we are

What we do

Where we do

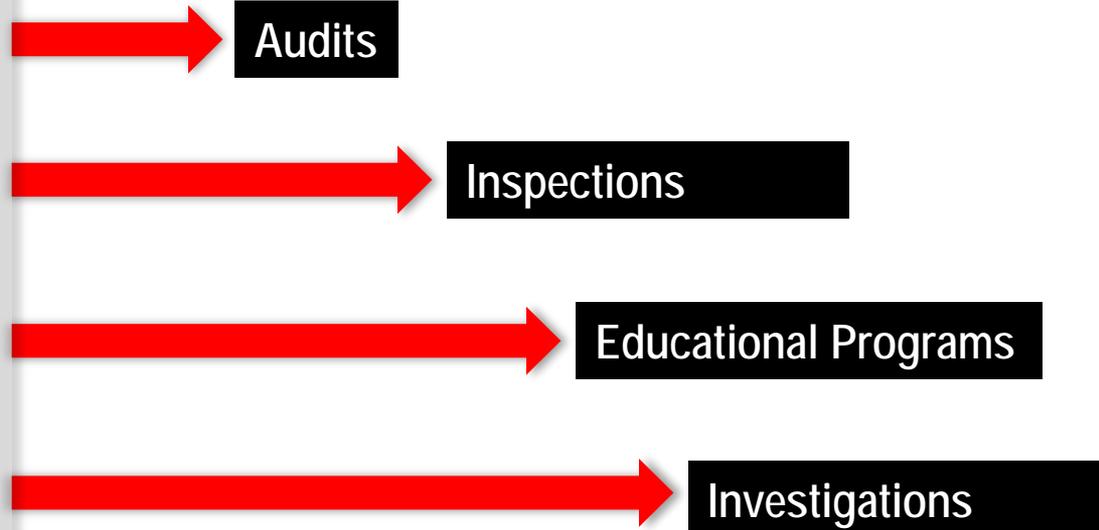
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Who Regulates Controlled Substances?

DHEC is a regulatory agency with the goal of achieving and maintaining compliance with applicable laws and regulations through education.

The Bureau of Drug Control regulates the dispensing and administration of controlled substances. This is done through:



DHEC

Drug Control Inspectors



Duties of an inspector

Regulatory

Registrant inspections

Accountability audits

Education

Law Enforcement

Investigations/Arrests

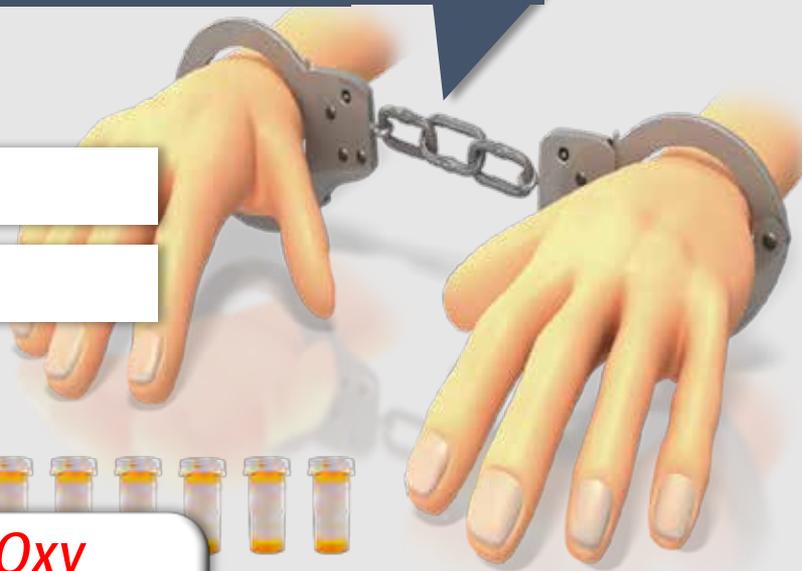
DHEC Drug Control
Inspectors
requirements:

- Licensed pharmacists
- Minimum of three (3) years working experience in pharmacy practice
- Complete SC Criminal Justice Academy training and become a commissioned law enforcement officer

What is the Problem?

750-1000 complaints received **annually** from:

- health care professionals
- concerned citizens
- state and local agencies
- inspectors



30% Oxy
25% HC
10% Adderall

A grid of 30 small, identical pill bottles arranged in three rows of ten. Each bottle contains a yellowish-orange liquid. A white rounded rectangle with red text is overlaid on the center of the grid.

450+
result in
arrest and prosecution

A grid of 100 small, identical black silhouettes of people, arranged in ten rows of ten. A large, light blue arrow points from the bottom right towards the top left, overlapping the grid. A white rounded rectangle with red and black text is overlaid on the bottom left of the grid.

36%
of all arrests
are health care professionals

A grid of 18 small, identical cyan silhouettes of doctors in white coats, arranged in two rows of nine. A white rounded rectangle with red and black text is overlaid on the bottom center of the grid.

Arrests

FY 2016

- +450
 - **36% HCP (Nurses and Pharmacy techs most often)**
 - Obtaining CS
 - Theft
 - Attempt/Conspiracy
 - Unlawful Distribution
 - Record Keeping
 - Doctor Shopping
 - Trafficking



"Get me a hundred milligrams of Oxycontin... And pick up something for this guy while you're at it."

Registrants

- manufacture, possess, distribute, prescribe, administer, dispense

- Currently + 24,000
 - Pharmacies
 - Hospitals, Methadone Clinics
 - Practitioners (physicians, dentists, vets, NPs, PAs, podiatrists, optometrists)
 - EMS
 - Animal Shelters/Humane Societies
 - K9 units
 - Detention Centers/Prisons
 - Clinics, Hospice, Surgery Centers
 - Manufacturers, Distributors



Pharmacy Inspections

- Inventory
 - Readily retrievable
 - Date/time
 - Signature of responsible individual that can attest to the completeness and accuracy
- Purchase Records
 - Readily retrievable
 - Date/qty received

Pharmacy Inspections

- Dispensing Records (Administration Records)
 - Three files
 - Patient name/address complete
 - Drug/strength/directions
 - Practitioner name/address
 - Date written
 - Pharmacist dispensing indicated on Rx
 - Rx signed
 - Refill requirements are met

Pharmacy Inspections

- Security
 - Access by unauthorized individuals
 - Notification of theft/loss
- Identification for Controlled Substance Rxs
 - Date dispensed
 - Rx number
 - Type/number of ID
 - Verified and initialed by pharmacy employee

Common Issues Found During Inspections

- Inventory – Not completed; no date/time/signature
- Invoices – No date of receipt noted on invoice
- Rx Records – wrong practitioner, fax requirements, early refills
- IDs – missing information; no employee initials; state not noted in the ID number
 - **TRAIN STAFF ON VISUAL VERIFICATION**
- Rxs issued/filled outside of scope of practice (in SC, NPs **CANNOT** prescribe CII's)
- Repeated loss/thefts – **no later than 30 days of discovery**
- Corresponding liability
- Preprinted/post dated Rxs



Administrative Action

- Notice of Conference
 - to permit any person against whom criminal and/or civil action is contemplated under the Act an opportunity to present his or her views and his or her proposals for bringing his or her alleged violations into compliance
- Order to Show Cause
 - Denial
 - Suspension
 - Revocation

Loss by diversion due to repeated thefts, etc.

- Any registrant who suffers **repeated losses** of controlled substances by theft due to break-ins, employee theft, mysterious disappearance, or other than through an armed robbery shall be deemed to be providing inadequate security for such controlled substances.

SC PMP Program -



- intended to **improve the state's ability to identify and stop diversion of prescription drugs** in an efficient and cost effective manner that will not impede the appropriate medical utilization of licit controlled substances where there is a valid prescriber-patient or pharmacist-patient relationship.

SC PMP Program -

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- CII- CIV prescriptions dispensed in SC are uploaded daily by the dispensing pharmacy/practitioner
- An authorized user (practitioner/pharmacist/delegate) logs into the **SCRIPTS** database and queries their patient.
- The practitioner/pharmacist uses the **SCRIPTS** report to make informed healthcare decisions.

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- Quality of dispensing data is essential and is dependent on the **accuracy** and **completeness** of information provided by the **dispenser**
 - Legal name
 - Accurate DOB
 - Correct practitioner

The slightest error or omission may impact how a patient receives care

Questions





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