

Board of Pharmacy

**FACILITY STANDARDS
FOR PHARMACIES**

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General Requirements.

- (a) Each pharmacy is of sufficient size to allow for the safe and proper storage of prescription drugs and for the safe and proper compounding and/or preparation of prescription drug orders.
- (b) There is a minimum of three linear feet by a minimum of 18 inches in depth of counter working space for each pharmacist or intern compounding or filling prescriptions at the same time.
- (c) The prescription department and all areas where drugs are stored are well lighted, well ventilated, dry, and maintained in a clean and orderly condition. Walls, floors, ceilings, and windows are clean and in general good repair and order.
- (d) Each pharmacy has a sink with hot and cold running water within the pharmacy and maintained in a sanitary condition.
- (e) There are refrigeration facilities with a thermometer in the prescription department for the proper storage of drugs requiring refrigeration. Temperatures in the refrigerator are maintained within United States Pharmacopeia standards.
- (f) The temperature of the pharmacy is maintained within a range compatible with the proper storage of drugs.

Equipment and Supplies.

- (a) All pharmacies have in their possession the equipment and supplies necessary to compound, dispense, label, administer and distribute drugs and devices. The equipment is in good repair and is available in sufficient quantity to meet the needs of the practice of pharmacy conducted therein.
- (b) All equipment is kept in a clean and orderly manner. Equipment used in the compounding or preparation of prescription drug orders (counting, weighing, measuring, mixing, stirring, and molding equipment) is clean and in good repair.

Library. A reference library is maintained which includes the following:

- (1) A current copy (hard-copy or electronic media access) of the Alaska Pharmacy Statutes and Regulations.
- (2) At least one current or updated reference (hard-copy or electronic media access) from each of the following categories:
 - (A) Patient information – examples are;
 - (i) USP Dispensing Information; or
 - (ii) Patient Drug Facts; or
 - (iii) reference text or information leaflets which provide patient information.
 - (B) General information – examples are;
 - (i) Facts and Comparisons; or
 - (ii) USP Dispensing Information, Volume I (Drug Information for the Healthcare Provider);
or
 - (iii) Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences.
 - (C) Clinical Information – examples are;
 - (i) AHFS Drug Information; or
 - (ii) Micromedex; or
 - (iii) Clinical Pharmacology; or

(iv) reference material pertinent to the practice setting.

(3) The telephone number of the nearest poison control center is readily available.

This pamphlet is prepared by the Alaska Board of Pharmacy to establish guidelines on facilities, reference materials, equipment, supplies and other matters. Professional conduct by a licensee includes adherence to these guidelines. See 12 AAC 52.400.