

Guidance on Posting Notice Pursuant to the Drug Management and Disposal Act

1. *Who needs to post the notice on the proper storage and disposal of drugs?*

Every pharmacy registered pursuant to Education Law section 68-2 and every retail business that sells drugs. Drugs include over-the-counter and prescription medications as well as vitamins and supplements.

2. *What needs to be posted?*

The required notice can be downloaded at <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quality/drugs-in-new-york-waters>. Pursuant to the law, it must be conspicuously displayed. The notice should be printed in color and no smaller than 8.5" x 11". Stores are encouraged to frame, laminate or otherwise ensure that the notice is durable. In addition to the required posting, the notice can be reproduced in black and white and/or in a smaller size for hand out to consumers. The notice can also be reproduced in a smaller size for shelf displays or on shopping bags or medicine bags.

3. *Where should it be posted?*

In a pharmacy setting, the notice should be legible to a consumer at the pick-up counter. Options include posting on a wall visible from the counter, or on the counter itself. If a pharmacy is within a store, but the pharmacy closes for some portion of the store hours, the notice should be visible in the pharmacy department during hours when the pharmacy is closed.

In a retail setting, the notice should be posted at one of the following locations:

- At the checkout counter
- On/above/visible from aisles where drugs are displayed
- As a shelf-label or other in-aisle placement with the display of drugs

4. *When will this requirement be effective?*

The required notice must be conspicuously displayed on and after March 24, 2009.