



## Avoid Scammers in 2024

The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy continues to learn that licensees are being targeted by scammers who claim to work for various governmental agencies (Board of Pharmacy, DEA, FBI, Department of Justice, etc.) to obtain money from the target. The Board strongly encourages licensees to be alert in 2024 to avoid scammers.

The scam involves phone calls, emails, and letters purporting to originate from various state and federal agencies, as well as faxes, that include allegations of drug trafficking and threats of suspension against the target's license.

Board of Pharmacy investigators will not ask for fine payment or personal/sensitive information over the phone and will never contact licensees via fax. As a reminder, administrative fines issued by the Board are not paid via gift cards or cryptocurrency.

If the Board of Pharmacy is conducting an investigation and that individual faces action against their license, they will receive an official notice of opportunity for a hearing either via certified mail or by personal service.

If you are contacted by a scammer, please report this information using the Board's online complaint form: [www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/complaint](http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/complaint). Additionally, reports should be made to your local law enforcement agency.

If you receive any suspicious calls or correspondence purporting to be from the Board of Pharmacy, we encourage you to call (614-466-4143) or email ([contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov](mailto:contact@pharmacy.ohio.gov)) the Board to confirm its legitimacy.

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