



Board of Pharmacy

Pharmacy Alert: Fraudulent Prescriptions

The Ohio Board of Pharmacy continues to receive information regarding multiple fraudulent prescriptions for promethazine, promethazine DM, and promethazine with codeine, but have recently seen the same groups targeting fraudulent alprazolam 1mg/2mg prescriptions. Most of the fraudulent prescriptions have been phoned-in or sent via fax. Though pharmacies across the state have been targeted, the most recent efforts have focused on pharmacies located in Columbus. Dr. Yaw Ayesu-Offei and Dr. Nader Javan have been the most recent prescribers used by suspects in their attempts to obtain these drugs.

The suspects are phoning in prescriptions for alprazolam 1mg and 2mg, along with promethazine products under Dr. Ayesu-Offei and Nadar Javan's names. Per Dr. Ayesu-Offei's office manager, the office will only e-prescribe alprazolam. Additionally, promethazine and promethazine with codeine products will never be phoned in; they will be only through electronic prescription or written on a physical hand-written prescription.

Should you need to verify a prescription under Dr. Ayesu-Offei's name, the direct phone number to the office manager is 614-323-6265.

The Board of Pharmacy requests pharmacists exercise diligence when receiving calls and faxes for promethazine products. Should you experience a suspicious call or fax, you are requested to contact local law enforcement and notify the Board of Pharmacy. You can report a fraudulent prescription by filling out the complaint form:

<https://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/Forms/Complaint>



People call, text, and chat the 988 Lifeline to talk about a lot of emotional needs—not just thoughts of suicide. Whatever your reason, the #988Lifeline is there to help. There is hope.

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