



Ohio Law on the Sale of Dextromethorphan Products

Effective 9/30/2021

Effective September 30, 2021, [HB 9](#) will prohibit retailers (including pharmacies) from selling, supplying, delivering, or giving a drug that contains dextromethorphan to a person under 18 years of age, unless the person has prescription for the product.

Under the new law, [ORC 2925.62](#), retailers (or employee of retailers) are required to request proof of age and identity for all purchases of dextromethorphan products who appear to be under the age of 25.

The law provides that a retailer or an employee of a retailer is not liable for civil damages arising from failing to prevent the sale of dextromethorphan to a person under 18, unless the failure constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. Violation of this law is considered a minor misdemeanor (ORC 2925.62 (E)) under the Ohio criminal code.

More information on the brand name products that contain dextromethorphan (including combination products) can be accessed here:

<https://medlineplus.gov/druginfo/meds/a682492.html>

More information about this new law can be accessed here:

- [Full Text of Law \(Effective 9/30/21\)](#)
- [Final Analysis of the Law from the Legislative Service Commission](#)