

# Pharmacist Reporting Requirements

## S.C. Code Ann. 44-29-10(C)

A pharmacist must report increases in the number of prescriptions to treat diseases potentially caused by bioterrorism or an epidemic disease. If the pharmacist fails to make a report, they can be found guilty of a crime.

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### **Reporting deaths from contagious or infectious diseases and chemical or other terrorism; increased prescription rates of drugs for diseases caused by chemical terrorism or infectious agents**

(C) A pharmacist must report any unusual or increased prescription rates, unusual types of prescriptions, or unusual trends in pharmacy visits that may be caused by chemical terrorism, bioterrorism, radiological terrorism, epidemic or pandemic disease, or novel and highly fatal infectious agents and might pose a substantial risk of a significant number of human fatalities or incidents of permanent or long-term disability. Prescription-related events that require a report include, but are not limited to:

- (1) an unusual increase in the number of prescriptions to treat fever, respiratory, or gastrointestinal complaints;
- (2) an unusual increase in the number of prescriptions for antibiotics;
- (3) an unusual increase in the number of requests for information on over-the-counter pharmaceuticals to treat fever, respiratory, or gastrointestinal complaints; and
- (4) any prescription that treats a disease that is relatively uncommon and has bioterrorism potential.