

## LCB Draft No. R116-98

### PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

#### 639.520 Security of prescription departments.

1. The prescription department of every pharmacy must be separated from the merchandising or public areas of the premises by a barrier [extending not less than 5 feet above the floor level and] of sufficient height and width to make dangerous drugs, controlled substances, narcotics, poisons or restricted devices inaccessible to unauthorized persons. The barrier must be constructed of solid material and contain [a] gates or door permitting access by the pharmacist. The gate or door must be secured by a deadbolt lock that can be opened from the outside only by a key. The door may be secured by a combination lock during the hours of business.

2. The registered pharmacist on duty:

- (a) Must possess the key to the prescription department; and
- (b) Is responsible for securing the prescription department at all times when he is not personally present in the department except when he is in the immediate area and can observe and exercise control over the prescription department.

3. The secretary of the board may permit an alternative type of physical security if, in his opinion, the alternative type will be sufficient to make the drugs, controlled substances, narcotics, poisons and restricted devices inaccessible to any unauthorized person.

4. Other than as permitted by law or regulation, no person other than a registered pharmacist may enter the prescription department of a pharmacy unless he is on business directly concerning the operation, maintenance or repair of the prescription department and a pharmacist employed in the prescription department is physically present at the same time.

5. The pharmacy must have an operating alarm system monitored by a U.L. approved central station facility. Any pharmacy that is located within a building in which employees of the pharmacy's ownership are on site 24 hours per day, may maintain an alarm system that has an audible alarm in lieu of a U.L. approved central station facility. Any pharmacy that is staffed 24 hours a day is exempt from this paragraph.