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IPLA and Indiana Board of Pharmacy Remind Pharmacies to Safeguard Inventories in Response to Pharmacy Burglaries

STATEWIDE – In response to additional reports of pharmacy burglaries in Indiana in recent weeks, the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) and the Indiana Board of Pharmacy (the Board) would like to remind pharmacies of critical actions that they should take to safeguard their inventories from theft. Perpetrators continue to target and steal Promethazine-Codeine, Schedule II, and stimulant medications. The IPLA and the Board remind pharmacies to take the following actions to better protect their inventories:

- **Set your pharmacy's alarm each night upon closing.**
- **Check security cameras to ensure that they are operational and are continuously monitoring your inventory.**
- **If your safe is less than 750 pounds (lbs.), it must be mounted or secured to something of substantial construction, in accordance with the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) requirements.**

All pharmacy burglaries and attempted burglaries should be reported immediately to local law enforcement and the IPLA's Compliance Division at placompliance@pla.in.gov. Any questions, especially any questions concerning state and federal requirements for properly safeguarding controlled substances, may be directed to the IPLA's Compliance Division at placompliance@pla.in.gov.

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About the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA):

The Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) was established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2005, consolidating the Indiana Health Professions Bureau and the former Indiana Professional Licensing Agency into one centralized umbrella agency. The IPLA now issues licenses for forty (40) different professions and over two hundred (200) unique license types. 1 in 6 working Hoosiers are currently licensed by the IPLA. The IPLA supports thirty-four (34) of the State of Indiana's occupational licensing boards, commissions, and committees in administering their duties and business, and also provides inspection services for certain professions and businesses across the state of Indiana. The IPLA partners with several other Indiana state agencies in providing professional licensing services, by managing the State of Indiana's online professional licensing system – the Indiana Licensing Enterprise. The IPLA's mission is to ensure Hoosiers have access to a robust, safe, and reliable professional workforce by providing licensure to professionals in a fair and efficient manner. For more information, visit the IPLA's website [here](#).