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## **VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

### **Protocol to follow upon discovery of a loss or theft of drugs**

#### Guidance:

Whenever a theft or any other unusual loss of any controlled substance is discovered, the Veterinarian-in-Charge, or in his absence his designee, shall immediately report such theft or loss to all of the following:

1. Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine in writing;
2. Virginia Board of Pharmacy in writing; and
3. U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency

The Boards of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy request written notification be sent via email, FAX or postal carrier. The Board recommends contacting local law enforcement. Reports to the DEA must be made in accordance with 21 C.F.R. § 1301.76(b).

If the Veterinarian-in-Charge is unable to determine the exact kind and quantity of the drug loss, he shall immediately make a complete inventory of all Schedules II through V drugs.

#### Reference

***18VAC150-20-190. Requirements for drug storage, dispensing, destruction, and records for all establishments.***

*5. Whenever a theft or any unusual loss of Schedules II through V drugs is discovered, the veterinarian-in-charge, or in his absence, his designee, shall immediately report such theft or loss to the Board of Veterinary Medicine and the Board of Pharmacy and to the DEA. The report to the boards shall be in writing and sent electronically or by regular mail. The report to the DEA shall be in accordance with 21 CFR 1301.76(b). If the veterinarian-in-charge is unable to determine the exact kind and quantity of the drug loss, he shall immediately take a complete inventory of all Schedules II through V drugs.*