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Poisons Regulations 2018

Storage of Schedule 8 substances in a “day safe” while Veterinary Practice premises are open

Regulation 29 of the *Poisons Regulations 2018* provides that a person who is authorised by the *Poisons Act* (i.e. a veterinary surgeon) to possess schedule 8 substances (S8s) for the purposes of the person’s profession must keep them stored separately in an **approved safe***. In recognition that veterinary surgeons may need access to S8s while a practice is open, Pharmaceutical Services Branch DHHS has approved the following guidelines on the use of a “day safe”.

- Schedule 8 substances may be transferred from an approved safe to a cupboard or drawer (“day safe”) during the hours that a veterinary practice is open to the public to assist efficient handling.
- The day safe must be capable of being securely locked and must be kept locked when not in use. The key must be retained by the veterinary surgeon so that no other person has access to it.
- No items other than schedule 8 substances or a schedule 8 register are to be kept in the day safe.
- Schedule 8 substances awaiting collection must be kept in the day safe until they are collected by the client or agent. It should be noted that opportunistic theft of drugs of dependence may occur from time to time from storage areas for medicines awaiting collection.
- All schedule 8 substances in the day safe must be returned to the approved (night) safe before the veterinary practice is closed each day.

*** Approved Safe**

Pharmaceutical Services Branch has approved specifications for safes for the storage of S8s.

In the first instance contact the Registrar for a copy of the approved specifications.

For further information:

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