

# Pharmacy Laws and Regulatory Standards

[The Joint Commission](#) develops measurable standards for healthcare organizations as they relate to patient safety and quality of care. Joint Commission standards are available online, for review, and include:

- Life Safety and Environment of Care
- National Patient Safety Goals
- Infection Control
- Medication storage and handling
- Sterile and non-sterile medication compounding

[The Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#) creates regulations regarding the management and disposal of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals.

- See also: [Hazardous Drug Compounding Pharmacy Technician Toolkit](#)

[Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\)](#) Sets enforceable standards for safe and healthy working conditions.

- Hazardous drug handling, preparation, and PPE
- See also: [Hazardous Drug Compounding Pharmacy Technician Toolkit](#)

## [U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#)

- Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act
- Drug Quality and Security Act
- Drug Supply Chain Security Act
- REMS requirements

## [The Drug Enforcement Agency \(DEA\)](#)

- Controlled Substance Act
- See also: [Controlled Substances Drug Diversion Pharmacy Technician Toolkit](#)

## [Department of Health & Human Services](#)

- Fraud
- Waste
- HIPAA

[Nuclear Regulatory Commission \(NRC\)](#) ensures the safe use of radioactive materials and medicines.

[Find your State Board of Pharmacy](#) for local laws and regulations.