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5 Easy Steps to Securing and Accounting for Your Narcotics

1. Discover how to be compliant with legal and administrative regulations.
2. Learn how to keep records of who accessed your narcotics.
3. Take control of this critical part of your job.
4. Stop employee theft and fraud.
5. Eliminate costly mistakes.

Read the following report to explore your options and determine a plan of action. Gain peace of mind by knowing your narcotics are safe.

Warning! Employees are stealing narcotic drugs to sell and for personal consumption. Recent arrests prove many offices, clinics, and hospitals are not taking appropriate action to prevent or deter these thefts. Protect your company, employees, and patients by authenticating user access and documenting who has had access to your narcotics control cabinet, locker, or safe.

Recent News

Veterinary Technician Charged in Fentanyl Theft at Iowa State
Sep 20, 2012

After approximately 19,000 micrograms of Fentanyl were missing and unaccounted for at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Medical Center officials called university police. Officials suspected veterinary tech Kari Lynn Boyer, 35, according to a release from the Iowa State University Police. Boyer had access to the pain medication, a schedule II substance, as part of her regular duties. Records indicated that Boyer removed the drug but did not properly account for its use.

A search warrant executed at Boyer’s residence revealed syringes, rubber tubing and fentanyl vials. Boyer was charged Sept. 14 with prohibited acts, a class “C” felony. She turned herself in to the Story County Jail. A class “C” felony is punishable by confinement of not more than 10 years and a fine not to exceed $10,000.
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Boyer admitted to ISU Police officers that she had been taking Fentanyl from the college since December 2011.


Woman Accused of Stealing Over $50,000 Worth Of Drugs From Vet Clinic
Jul 31, 2012

CATOOSA, Oklahoma - Authorities are trying to track down a Rogers County woman wanted for stealing more than $50,000 worth of painkillers. Investigators said the woman took the prescription medications from the veterinary clinic where she worked.

She's on the run and faces 59 drug charges. The chief investigator for the Oklahoma State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, Dale Fullerton, said Limmer used that cover to steal 11,000 pills and 2 1/2 gallons of Hydrocodone syrup.

An arrest warrant has been issued for Limmer but investigators believe the drugs are long gone.


*Multi-credential requirements are essential to maintaining a safe environment for your narcotics.*

Dual Authenticated Electronic Access with Event History

- One of the best ways to control narcotics is through authenticated access.
- Dual authenticated access can be accomplished by using a proximity card (something you have) OR a fingerprint (something you are), AND a PIN (something you know).
- A PIN can be entered by anyone, but with the addition of a card only associated with that PIN, it is much more difficult for an unauthorized user to access the narcotics.
- A fingerprint plus a card or a PIN is the most accurate and secure method for authenticating access to a narcotics cabinet, locker, or safe.
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**Triple Authenticated Electronic Access with Event History**

- For higher security and authentication of user access, three different credentials can be required for access. Triple authentication requires a combination of fingerprint, PIN, **AND** card, that must all be presented to the reader before access is allowed.

**Double - Dual Authenticated Access™ with Event History**

MedixSafe created Double Dual Authenticated Access™. Double Dual Authenticated Access™ allows individual users to enroll with a card and PIN or a fingerprint and PIN. This allows the user to access the narcotics cabinet, locker, or safe either way. If a user is wearing gloves, he can access with his card and PIN or he can use his fingerprint and PIN. This is of great convenience to the user.

**Dual Custody with Dual or Triple Authenticated Electronic Access**

The dual custody option requires two different authorized users to be present to enter their dual or triple credentials before the narcotics cabinet, locker, or safe will grant access.

**Event Logging & History/Audit Trail**

- Event logging and history is a feature that is essential to having complete control of your narcotics.
- Event logging and history is a database that can be accessed by an administrator with an auditable record of all previous entry activity being recorded.
- This would include adding and deleting users and a complete history of who had gained access to the narcotics cabinet, locker, or safe.

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Legal and Administrative Considerations

Management is paralyzed if authorized access to a narcotics cabinet is compromised because of a mechanical key only, PIN only, or key-override access system. Administration is left with the inability to discipline, terminate, and/or prosecute an offending employee because they cannot be certain of the integrity of their records. Dual or triple credential requirements along with access audit trails ensure that the right person or people will be held accountable in the event of a discrepancy or missing narcotics.

Summary

Selecting a method of controlling narcotics is an important decision. Achieving the desired results of authenticating and documenting access is the keystone in the decision making process. MedixSafe encourages you to be in no doubt that you are choosing a solution that will work when you need it to work. MedixSafe is a system that requires methods of entry that will allow you to manage your narcotics and make confident decisions when narcotics are missing and/or a discrepancy arises.

Keys and PINs are no longer enough to ensure security and accountability for emergency narcotics access. Across the country, controlled substance inventory shrinkage is having a critical impact on patient care, staff integrity, liability, and the bottom line. This has led to regulatory demands for an access audit trail – MedixSafe offers unique, field-tested security technologies to meet those demands. MedixSafe manufactures high-tech narcotics cabinets and lockers used by clinics, medical offices, small hospitals, and emergency vehicles.

MedixSafe set a new standard for narcotics security when they introduced the ambulance trade’s first dual access security solution, the M1 Narcotics Cabinet, incorporating both a proximity card reader and PIN pad. The M2 Narcotics Cabinet integrates a fingerprint scanner, card reader, and PIN pad, allowing for the highest degree of individual accountability and assuring compliance with new, stricter regulations for automated record keeping.

MedixSafe’s product line includes multiple sizes of narcotics lockers, cabinets, and vaults to fit your unique needs. For more information on a narcotics security solution you can trust, contact us today!