

# Maryland Pharmacists Duty to Report

Code of Maryland regulations  
34.10.05. Duty to Report.

**A. Except when the conduct in question includes drug or alcohol abuse or dependency, a pharmacist shall report to the Board:**

- (1) Conduct which violates a statute or regulation pertaining to the practice of pharmacy;**
- (2) Conduct by a pharmacist that deceives, defrauds, or harms the public; and**
- (3) The unauthorized practice of pharmacy.**

**B. A pharmacist shall report to the pharmacist rehabilitation committee, as defined in Health Occupations Article, § 12-317, Annotated Code of Maryland, conduct by a pharmacist that involves drug or alcohol abuse or dependency.**

## Practically speaking this means:

- 1) If you are aware of a fellow pharmacist who is impaired by drugs or alcohol you have a legal obligation to report it
- 2) The mechanism for reporting is the Pharmacists' Education and Advocacy Council (PEAC)
- 3) The Board of Pharmacy can sanction you if they become aware that you could have but did not report such a case

Simply, you have an easy, anonymous way to protect yourself, your fellow pharmacist and the public by making a referral to PEAC. Failure to report such a case violates Maryland Pharmacy Regulations and could adversely affect your own ability to practice pharmacy.

To make a referral or to learn how PEAC provides confidential help to an impaired pharmacist contact:

**Pharmacists' Education and Advocacy Council**

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**E-mail [PEAC@hughes.net](mailto:PEAC@hughes.net)**

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