



Dear RP/Owner,

SAPC e-Note: RPs and Owners urged to report pharmacy looting to authorities and Council

The South African Pharmacy Council (SAPC) is saddened by the news that pharmacies have been affected by the ongoing nationwide rioting. Individual pharmacies and pharmacy associations have requested information from the SAPC as to what pharmacies that have been affected should be required to do, as medicines and vaccines appear to be what is being targeted.

As a matter of importance, we urge all Responsible Pharmacists (RPs) and owners to ensure that their patients are provided with information on alternative channels to access medicines (i.e. nearby operational pharmacies) during their period of closure.

- (a) The matter should be reported as soon as reasonably possible to the local police station and a police CAS number should be obtained. It is important that the date of the incident is recorded.
- (b) In the statement to the police, it is important that RPs/owners provide the name of the pharmacy, physical address, Council registration number (Y number) and the details and contact details of both the RP and owner.
- (c) The statement should also provide as much detail as possible in terms of stock and scheduled medicine that has been stolen or destroyed; in particular, comprehensive details should be provided in respect of COVID-19 vaccine stock and Schedule 6 medicines.

Once the matter has been reported to the SAPS and a CAS number is obtained, please inform the SAPC and include the following details:

- (a) The SAPS case number of the matter;
- (b) The SAPC Registration Number of the pharmacy (Y number), name of the pharmacy, and details of the RP and owner, including current contact details of both;
- (c) The physical address of the pharmacy;
- (d) A copy of the statement wherein the details of the stock stolen and/or destroyed is provided; in particular, comprehensive details should be provided in respect of COVID-19 vaccine stock and Schedule 6 medicines;
- (e) The SAPS case number and a copy of the statement must be kept and made available for purposes of future inspections of the pharmacy as this will address issues of potential shortcomings in respect of information and documentation that is required to be kept for five (5) years; and
- (f) Should the pharmacy need to relocate in order to recommence business, this must be conveyed to the SAPC as soon as possible together with evidence that such relocation is temporary and that the new premises complies with GPP.

The matter may be reported to the SAPC by way of email at Licenses@sapc.za.org

Yours faithfully,

VM Tlala
Registrar/CEO

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Approved
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