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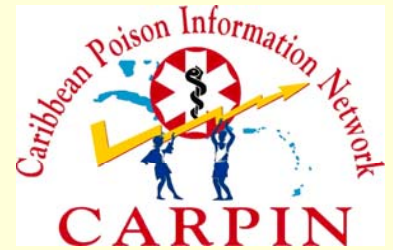
“POISONS” AND THE ROLE OF THE PHARMACY COUNCIL OF JAMAICA

OBJECTIVES



- To identify the role of the Pharmacy Council in the regulation of poisons in Jamaica
- To explain, according to the Pharmacy Act and Regulations, the legal requirements for the :
 - Registration of sellers of poison and
 - Storage
 - Labelling
 - Documentation
 - Transportation of poisons in Jamaica

THE ROLE OF THE PHARMACY COUNCIL



The functions of the Pharmacy Council:

- a) To register pharmacists, pharmaceutical students, pharmacies and owners of pharmacies
- b) To regulate the training of pharmaceutical students
- c) **To register persons as authorised sellers of poison**
- d) To ensure the maintenance of proper standards of conduct by persons registered under this Act
- e) To ensure compliance with the requirements of this Act

The Pharmacy Act section 4

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Persons who apply to the Council to be registered as authorised sellers of poison must supply

- Documentary proof of age
- Two testimonials
- Two copies of a recent photograph of the applicant certified by a Justice of the Peace to be a true photograph of the applicant

THE ROLE OF THE PHARMACY COUNCIL



- The Council issues a Certificate of Registration to authorised sellers
- The Registrar maintains a register of authorised sellers of poisons
- The Council is responsible for the gazetting of the List of poisons

Classification of Drugs in accordance with the Pharmacy Act



- List 1 – Free sale
- List 2 – Pharmacy only
- List 3 – Poisons
- List 4 – Prescription only

CONDITIONS FOR SELLING POISONS



BUSINESS

No person shall carry on a business which includes the retailing of any poison unless-

- a) such business is carried on in a registered pharmacy; or
- b) he is an authorized seller of poisons

The Pharmacy Act s 2



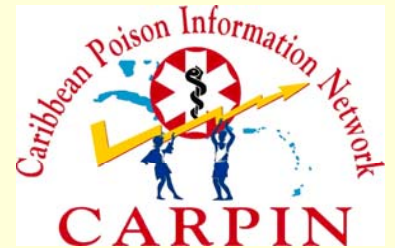
THOSE AUTHORISED TO SELL POISON



PERSONNEL

- No person other than a registered pharmacist shall sell any poison, however, than a person registered by the Council as an authorised sellers of poisons may sell any of the poisons.....
- ONLY BUY FROM Registered pharmacists and authorised sellers

CONDITIONS FOR SALE



STORAGE

Every person who retails any poison shall keep such poison-

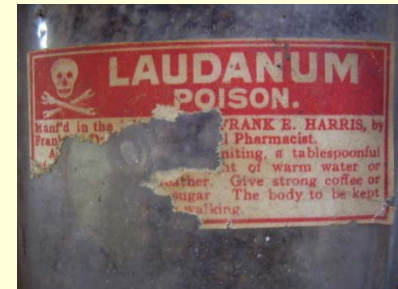
- a) In a bottle, vessel, box, wrapper or cover distinctly labeled with the name of such poison and with some distinctive mark indicating that is a poison; and
- b) In a cupboard set apart for the keeping of poisons and such a cupboard shall be kept locked

LABELLING

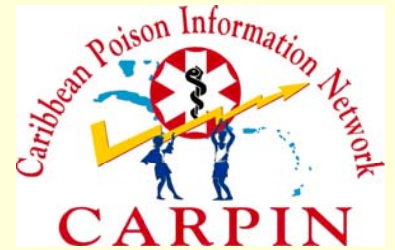


No person shall sell, dispense or deliver to any other person any poison unless the bottle, vessel, box, wrapper or cover in which such poison is contained is distinctly labeled in the prescribed manner with-

- a) The word “poison”, and
- b) The name of the poison; and
- c) The name of the seller of the poison and the address of the premises on which it was sold



LABELLING



Section 16 (1) of the Pharmacy Regulations specify that the labels of poisons in addition to above should have:

- a) adequate directions for use and words of caution in respect of the poison; and
- b) where the poison is an ingredient of a preparation, the proportion of the poison in that preparation



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COUNSELLING & DOCUMENTATION



- Before the sale, dispensing or delivery of any poison, the person selling, dispensing or delivering as the case may be, such poison shall ensure that:

The directions are understood by the person receiving the poison and such person shall sign his name beside the relevant entry in the book

COUNSELLING & DOCUMENTATION



- The date of transaction
- Name, address and occupation of the person to whom the poison is being sold, dispensed or delivered
- Name and quantity of poison sold, dispensed or delivered, or where the poison is an ingredient the proportion
- The purpose for which the poison is required

DOCUMENTATION



WITNESSES & SIGNATURE

- Where the person to whom the poison is being delivered is not known to the person selling, dispensing or delivering same, the name and address of a witness to the transaction, AND where there is no witness to the transaction, the name and address of the person giving a recommendation in respect of the transaction
- Signature of the person receiving the poison
- Signature of the person selling, dispensing or delivering the poison

PACKAGING



No person shall sell, dispense or deliver any liniment, embrocation, lotion or similar caustic substance containing poison unless such substance is in a container-

- Which is so constructed as to prevent leakage arising from the ordinary risks of handling, and which is impervious to poison and
- To which is affixed a label giving notice that the contents shall not be taken orally

PACKAGING



- If the liquid poison is a bottle of a capacity of not more than 120 fl oz, the outer surface of that bottle shall be fluted vertically with ribs or grooves easily discernable by touch



TRANSPORTATION



No person shall transport any poison unless

- It is adequately packed to avoid leakage arising from the ordinary risks of handling
- The outside of the package containing the poison is labelled conspicuously with the name and description of the poison and with a notice indicating that it is to be kept separate from food and food containers; and
- Adequate precautions are taken to prevent the risk of contaminating food

Thank You!



Keep all medicine
out of reach of
children



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