

## Why is the Pharmacy Staff Asking for **Identification** When Dispensing Certain Prescriptions?



**Beginning January 1, 2011**, Massachusetts law requires pharmacists to ask customers to show government-issued identification when dispensing a new prescription for controlled medications (such as many medications for pain, anxiety, sleep disorders and hyperactivity, among other conditions).

Requiring ID:

- \* *Promotes* safe dispensing of controlled medications
- \* *Ensures* that medications reach the intended person
- \* *Protects* communities from unsafe activities

To save time, please have one of the following approved IDs ready when you drop-off or pick-up prescriptions for yourself or others:

- \* Driver's License
- \* Passport
- \* MA Registry of Motor Vehicles Identification
- \* Permanent Resident Card ("Green Card")
- \* Military ID Card
- \* MA Commission for the Blind Card

**If you don't have one of the above IDs or don't know if your medication is covered, please speak with the pharmacist.**



**Thank You for Your Cooperation.**

For additional information on the ID requirement, please contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Drug Control Program at 617-983-6700 or visit the Program's website at [www.mass.gov/dph/dcp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/dcp).



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