Alert Regarding Scam Calls

Licensees have alerted the Board of Pharmacy about a phone caller who identifies himself as Peter Williams or some other name. Sometimes the caller claims to be a board inspector; other times, he told licensees he was a DEA agent. In each case, he claimed to be calling about an investigation and said the licensee would face discipline unless the licensee paid a “fine.”

These calls were part of a scam – attempts to extort money from licensees.

How can you be sure you are speaking to a Board of Pharmacy inspector? Here are some important tips to remember:

- A board inspector will visit your work place, not your home. Ask to see the inspector’s badge and business card issued by the Board of Pharmacy.
- An inspector will never contact you by phone to request any form of payment or ask you to pay a fine to the inspector.
- If you have doubt or any questions about an inspector’s identity, contact the Board of Pharmacy at (916) 518-3100.

In addition, a fraud scam alert posted by the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) has more information and tips on what to do if you receive a scam call.

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