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[Protect prescription pads—they're valuable! \[1\]](#)

Whether prescription pads are used or unused, registrants are advised to store pads in a secure (preferably locked) location away from public access. When travelling with a prescription pad, registrants should keep the pad on their person at all times, and never in a vehicle. **Note:** The blue carbon copy of the prescription contains sensitive patient information and must be retained separately as part of the patient record for 16 years. Registrants with electronic medical records should consider scanning and attaching the image of the prescription to the electronic medical record, then shredding the original paper version. Registrants who are using paper charts should attach the physical blue copy to the paper chart.

More information on lost, stolen or forged prescription pads can be found on the College website [here](#) [2].

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