



## Time-delayed Safe Signage Exemption

Starting January 31, 2024, under the Pharmacy Facilities Practice Direction, all community pharmacies must:

- store narcotic and controlled drugs in a time delayed safe, and
- post College of Pharmacists of Manitoba (CPhM) approved time-delayed signage at all public entrances and at the dispensary in a location visible to the public.

Community Pharmacies that **do not have narcotic drugs on the premise** may request an exemption to posting the CPhM approved time-delayed safe signage. In lieu these pharmacies must post alternative CPhM signage that states, *“no narcotics kept on site.”*

To request an exemption the pharmacy manager must:

- apply to CPhM via email at [fieldops@cphm.ca](mailto:fieldops@cphm.ca)
- declare that:
  - the pharmacy has a compliant time delayed safe as required by the Pharmacy Facilities Practice Direction
  - the pharmacy does not have narcotics on site,
  - the pharmacy manager will post alternative CPhM approved signage stating: *“no narcotics kept on site”* at each public entrance and at the dispensary visible to the public, and
  - in the event that narcotics are stored at the pharmacy in the future, the pharmacy manager must remove the *“no narcotics kept on site”* signage and post the original *“time-delayed safe”* signage.

The purpose of this exemption is to ensure the safety of the public and pharmacy staff by preventing misleading messaging in mandatory signage. As a reminder, **all community pharmacies must have a time-delayed safe, as a minimum requirement.** *“No narcotics kept on site”* signage will be provided once an application is approved by CPhM staff.