



# Fraudulent Official Prescription Forms

The Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP) has received reports regarding pharmacies that have dispensed prescriptions for Schedule II (C-II) controlled substances that were issued on fraudulent Official Prescription forms. Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians should be “on the lookout” for fraudulent Official Prescription forms and be alert to the safety features to prevent filling illegal prescriptions. The following is a brief review of the safety features contained in the Official Prescription forms.

## Safety Features of Official Prescription Forms:

**Effective 09/01/2018 –  
EACH FORM WILL CONTAIN ALL OF THESE SECURITY  
FEATURES**

- **Control Number** – This number is located in the uppermost portion of the form just above the line for the patient’s name and is unique for each prescription form. This number must be reported in the record transmitted when a C-II prescription is dispensed.
- **Pantograph** – This security feature produces the word “VOID” multiple times on the face of the prescription form when someone attempts to copy or scan the prescription.
- **Thermochromic ink** – On the new prescriptions a thermochromic feature will be found on the front of the prescription form as a red Rx. Applying heat or vigorously rubbing the area between the thumb and forefinger will cause the red Rx to disappear briefly then reappear. On the older versions, the thermochromic feature is located on the back as a red check.
- **Watermark** - The seal for the State of Texas appears as a watermark on the face of the prescription. Also, on the new prescriptions, a watermark within the body of the paper is present, holding the prescription form to a light will show the watermark.
- **Note** – Effective June 1, 2019, only Official Prescription Forms printed after September 1, 2018 are valid.
- **Exception:** If an Official Prescription form is issued (written) prior to June 1, 2019, the prescription is valid for 21 days. If the Official Prescription Form is part of a multiple set with an issue (written) date prior to June, 1, 2019, the multiple issued set will be completed in a 90 day period and all new prescriptions will be issued on the new form.