**Prescription Writing**

Did you know state law [RCW 18.64.500: Tamper-resistant prescription pads or paper](https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=18.64.500) requires all licensed prescribers to use approved tamper-resistant pads or paper when doing hard copy, written prescriptions? For answers to frequently asked questions about tamper-resistant prescription pads or paper, visit [Pharmacy Commission | Washington State Department of Health](https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/pharmacy-commission/tamper-resistant-prescriptions) and select the drop-down menu under prescribers.

Guidelines for providers prescribing through electronic communication are outlined in [RCW 69.50.312: Electronic communication of prescription information—Exceptions—Waiver—Penalty—Commission may adopt rules.](https://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=69.50.312) If you want to apply for an electronic prescribing mandate waiver, see [WAC 246-945-014](https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-945-014) for waiver criteria.

Remember, all prescriptions must meet minimum requirements defined in [WAC 246-945-010:](https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-945-010) A pharmacist shall verify its validity before dispensing and delivering a prescription. [WAC 246-945-011.](https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-945-011)