



Drugs and Poisons Fact Sheet: Strychnine Permit Holders - Your Obligations

Please read this information carefully before obtaining any strychnine

This advice is prepared with a view to explaining your obligations as a strychnine permit holder, when purchasing and using strychnine.

The purchase, possession of or use of strychnine, without lawful authority, is illegal, and offenders are liable to prosecution.

Similarly, a person shall not sell or supply strychnine unless the intending purchaser produces a current permit issued under the *Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996* (ie. a strychnine permit).

Once issued with a strychnine permit, the permit holder is entitled to purchase the quantity of strychnine endorsed on the permit. This total quantity of strychnine may be purchased only once. However, the purchase may be made in several parts, during the term for which the permit is valid.

At the time of purchase of the strychnine, the permit holder **MUST** produce the original copy of the strychnine permit to the supplier. The supplier cannot sell or supply strychnine until the permit is sighted. This applies to every sale or supply.

The supplier **MUST** return the endorsed permit to you after each purchase or supply.

As the holder of the strychnine permit you **must not** -

- (a) use the strychnine for any purpose other than that stated in the permit;
- (b) store the strychnine at a place other than that stated in the permit;
- (c) have any strychnine in your possession other than that which is authorised in the permit;
- (d) supply strychnine to any person; or
- (e) discharge, place or otherwise dispose of strychnine in a way that—
 1. endangers the life or safety of a person or a domestic animal; or
 2. exposes food, drink or a condiment or another poison or a drug to the risk of contamination by strychnine; or
 3. gives access to strychnine to someone not endorsed to possess it.

Expired permits

If your permit has expired (see expiry date stated on permit) and you have not used all the strychnine in your possession, to which the permit refers, the following options are applicable:

- if you wish to continue to possess and use strychnine you must apply for a new strychnine permit; or
- if you no longer require strychnine, contact the local Public Health Unit to make arrangements to relinquish the remnant strychnine.

If you have obtained and used the strychnine endorsed by the permit and wish to obtain further supplies then a new application must be made.

Lost, stolen or destroyed permits

If your permit has been lost, stolen or destroyed and you are in possession of strychnine, you will need to contact the local Public Health Unit.

Further information regarding your obligations can be obtained by contacting the local Public Health Unit. Contact details are on the Queensland Health website available at www.health.qld.gov.au.

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