

PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY AGAINST PRESCRIPTION ERROR

Daily, thousands of prescription errors occur in pharmacies across the nation, with some resulting in serious injuries or death. These errors range from the wrong medication being provided to the wrong dosage to medication being delivered to the wrong patient.

It's not easy for consumers to protect themselves against such errors, but there are steps you can take:

1. Read the prescription your doctor gives you aloud, including the spelling of the medication. Ask the physician to confirm it.
2. Verify the dosages and drug names with your doctor.
3. Before going to the pharmacy, write down the dosage and drug names.
4. Advise the pharmacist of any drug allergies.
5. Go to a reputable pharmacy, one that has more than a single pharmacist working with pharmacy technicians and clerks.
6. When you pick up the prescription, check the labels and make sure the dosages and drug names match what you have written down. If there is any variance, confirm the prescription with the pharmacist.
7. If you are taking more than one medication or filling medications at more than one pharmacy, let the pharmacist know about all of the medications you are taking.

There is no way to guarantee that you or a loved one will not be injured as a result of a prescription error, but these measures reduce the odds of that happening dramatically.

Should a prescription error occur with resulting injuries, you should carefully preserve the remaining medication, pill bottle, and any documentation delivered with the medication and you should also contact an experienced Chicago personal injury lawyer.