

Drug Enforcement Administration  
Diversion Control Division  
Civil Unrest Emergency Guidance Document

Title: Civil Unrest Q&A Theft and Loss

**Question:** My pharmacy was looted during the riots and controlled substances and/or scheduled listed chemical products (SLCPs) were stolen or destroyed. How long do I have to report a theft or loss to DEA?

**Answer:**

Controlled Substances: 21 CFR § 1301.76(b) requires that a registrant notify their DEA Division Office, in writing, within one business day of discovery of such theft or loss of controlled substances. A registrant can meet the “in writing” requirement by sending an email to the below listed DEA point of contact for your state. The registrant must also complete and submit a DEA Form 106 either online at [https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/21cfr\\_reports/theft/index.html](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/21cfr_reports/theft/index.html) or by sending the form to the local field office. Registrants are encouraged to perform an accounting to determine the quantities of controlled substances lost or stolen and make the necessary report on a DEA Form 106 as soon as practicable.

SLCPs: 21 CFR § 1314.15 requires that a regulated person must, whenever possible, orally report to their DEA Division Office any unusual or excessive loss or disappearance of an SLCP at the earliest practicable opportunity after the regulated person becomes aware of the circumstances involved. A written report of loss must be filed within 15 days after the regulated person becomes aware of the circumstances of the event. 21 CFR § 1314.15(c). Section 1314.15(e) provides a suggested format for the report.

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