

Commonwealth of Virginia



REGULATIONS

Governing Emergency Contact Information

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Title of Regulations: 18 VAC 76-40-10 et seq.

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of the *Code of Virginia***

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18VAC76-40-10. Requirement to report.

In accordance with provisions of §54.1-2506.1 of the Code of Virginia, the following persons or entities who hold a license, certificate, registration or permit issued by a board within the Department of Health Professions and whose address of record is in Virginia, a contiguous state or the District of Columbia shall report emergency contact information as required by this chapter:

1. Assisted living facility administrators;
2. Athletic trainers;
3. Licensed massage therapists;
4. Clinical psychologists;
5. Clinical social workers;
6. Dentists;
7. Dental hygienists;
8. Funeral service licensees, embalmers and funeral directors;
9. Licensed acupuncturists;
10. Licensed practical nurses;
11. Licensed professional counselors;
12. Medical equipment suppliers;
13. Nursing home administrators;
14. Pharmacists;
15. Pharmacy technicians;
16. Physical therapists;
17. Physician assistants;

18. Radiologic technologists;
19. Registered nurses;
20. Respiratory care practitioners;
21. Surface transportation and removal service registrants;
22. Veterinarians; and
23. Wholesale distributors of pharmaceuticals.

18VAC76-40-20. Emergency contact information.

A. Upon a request from the department, a person or entity listed in 18VAC76-40-10 shall be required to report the following information for contact in the event of a public health emergency or for dissemination of public health information:

1. An email address at which the person or entity may be sent information concerning the emergency; and
2. A number at which the person or entity may be contacted or sent information by text.

B. A person or entity shall only be required to report those numbers or email addresses to which he has direct access.

C. Information collected for the purpose of disseminating notification of a public health emergency or public health information or providing information related to serving during a public health emergency shall not be published or made available for any other purpose.

18VAC76-40-30. Time limit for reporting.

A licensee, certificate or permit holder or registrant shall provide the required emergency contact information within a time period specified by the Director of the Department of Health Professions to be no less than 30 days or greater than 90 days from receipt of the request or notification from the department. Whenever there is a change in the information that has been provided, the licensee, certificate or permit holder or registrant shall provide revised information to the department within 30 days.