

License Protection Checklist

The Nurse Code

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28 Daily Habits to Protect Your License

Medication Safety

- Right patient, med, dose, route, time
- Never give a medication you don't understand
- Document immediately
- Report errors within 24 hours

Documentation

- Chart in real-time
- Use objective language
- Never alter entries
- Document all conversations
- Chart patient education

Scope of Practice

- Know state regulations
- Refuse tasks outside scope
- Document declined tasks
- Understand collaborative care
- Ask when unsure

HIPAA & Confidentiality

- Never discuss patients outside unit

- Don't access unrelated records
- Assume messages are discoverable
- Follow social media policy
- Report violations

Communication

- Report safety concerns immediately
- Use chain of command
- Document conversations
- Stay professional
- Report near-misses

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