



USP HazRx[®] Mobile Application FAQs

Question	Answer	Resource
1. How many people in US impacted by Hazardous Drugs?	According to the CDC, 8M healthcare workers are exposed to hazardous drugs every year.	Infographic
2. What are hazardous drugs?	According to the CDC, drugs are classified as hazardous when they possess any of these characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Impact or damage DNA/genes▶ Cause cancer▶ Contribute to infertility▶ Impact a developing embryo or fetus▶ Cause developmental abnormalities▶ Cause organ damage▶ Have similar structure or function to drugs that are determined to be hazardous.	Infographic
3. Infographic	Anyone handling hazardous drugs is at risk for exposure. Examples: Pharmacists, Pharmacy Technicians, Nurses, Physicians, Surgeons, Housekeeping, Environmental Services, Veterinarians.	Infographic
4. Where can exposure occur?	Exposure can take place in any healthcare setting. Examples: Hospitals, Pharmacies, Surgical Centers, Home Health, Veterinary Hospitals and Clinics, Skilled Nursing Facilities.	Infographic
5. How can exposure occur?	Every aspect of handling hazardous drugs may result in exposure if proper precautions are not taken. Examples: Receiving, transporting, storing, compounding, dispensing, administering, disposal, waste management.	Infographic
6. What will the app do?	The app allows you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Search any generic or branded drug to identify if it is considered hazardous by the CDC/NIOSH▶ Identify hazardous drugs by NIOSH Groups 1, 2, or 3▶ View information on how to safely engage with the hazardous drug based on established standards such as USP General Chapter <800>▶ Bookmark hazardous drugs that you frequently handle for quick reference▶ View drug label information via DailyMed▶ Receive monthly updates to the list of drugs that are considered hazardous▶ Discover additional resources and education available to safely handle hazardous drugs	USP Store Page
7. Should I use the app instead of institutional protocols?	NO. The app DOES NOT replace your institution's protocols or procedures.	USP Store Page
8. Will the app provide patient care guidance?	NO. The app DOES NOT provide therapeutic guidance or clinical decision support on which drugs are appropriate to administer to a patient.	USP Store Page



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9. Where can I get the app?	You can purchase the app on Google Play and Apple Store.	USP Store Page App Landing Page
10. Can I get the app directly from USP?	No. You have to install the app from Apple or Google store.	USP Store Page App Landing Page
11. How much is the app?	You can purchase the app for \$3.99 on Google Play and Apple Store.	
12. How do I use the app?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Search for the drug you are interested in. You can start a search from any screen by using the search bar. ▶ Identify the nature of your interaction with the drug (e.g., compounding, dispensing, administering, cleaning up a spill) ▶ Get information on how to safely handle that drug based on existing standards. ▶ Bookmark the drug so you can have easy access for future use. 	USP Store Page App Landing Page
13. How do I search to find out if a drug is hazardous?	Simply type the name of the drug starting from any screen in the search bar.	USP Store Page App Landing Page
14. I can't find my drug on the app. What does that mean?	The drug you are searching for may not be listed by CDC/NIOSH as a hazardous drug. Please check the spelling of the drug.	
15. How frequently is the data updated?	The data is updated monthly.	USP Store Page
16. I can't create a user profile.	Please contact us via: custsvc@usp.org	
17. Why do I have to create a user profile?	Creating a user profile allows to seamlessly transfer your bookmarked drugs across devices. However, you can use the app without creating a user profile.	
18. Does this app fulfill the USP General Chapter <800> auditing requirements?	NO. The mobile app is intended to be used for educational purposes by individual healthcare workers by providing information about the drug being handled, as well as information on how to more safely handle that drug according to established standards.	Download General Chapter <800>
19. How does the HazRx® mobile application information fit with SDS (Safety Data Sheets)?	The app supplements the SDS.	
20. Is the HazRx® mobile app available globally?	The app can be downloaded from anywhere in the world. However, the app ONLY reflects information related to US FDA approved drugs.	
21. Which devices and operating systems support the HazRx® app?	The HazRx® app can be used on smart phones and tablets and is supported by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Apple iOS 9 and later ▶ Android 4.4 and later 	
22. All other questions please submit to:	custsvc@usp.org	