



Lightning Learning: Yellow Card Scheme



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STOP!

The Yellow Card scheme is used to report:



- **Side effects** from medicine, vaccine, blood products, herbal and homeopathic treatments.
- **Medical device** adverse incidents.
- **Side effects** or **safety** of e-cigarettes.
- **Defective** or **counterfeit** medicine.
- **FOUR** critical pieces of **information** in your Yellow Card report... 1) *Suspect drug.* 2) *Suspect reaction.* 3) *Patient details.* 4) *Reporter details.*
- **MHRA** monitors the safety of all healthcare products in the UK to ensure they are acceptably safe for patients and those that use them.

LOOK

Only 10% of serious reactions and between 2% to 4% of non-serious reactions are reported.

In 2018, there was a significant decrease in reports from some healthcare professional groups (*i.e. hospital doctors*).

For established medicines and vaccines you should report all serious suspected ADRs... *even if the effect is well recognised.*

An adverse reaction to a medicine may occur at **any time after starting a medicine**, even after years of taking it due to delayed effects.

By filling in a Yellow Card you are simply reporting your suspicion.

Any information provided to the YCS is kept **safe, secure and confidential.**

LEARN

REMEMBER: if in doubt, report a Yellow Card... *even if you think someone else may have reported one.*

Go to <https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk> and enter the details of the suspected problem or incident.

There is also a handy smartphone app available → Just search 'Yellow Card' in your preferred app store.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Guidance for healthcare workers (GOV.UK) <http://bit.ly/38hAfCV>
- Adverse Reactions to Drugs (NICE) <http://bit.ly/2ucdYrb>

