




AGENCY PROFILE

What veterinary practices need to know about regulatory agencies.

<p>Agency Name</p>	<p>California Department of Public Health</p>
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<p>General Info/ Agency Mission</p>	<p>The California Department of Public Health is dedicated to optimizing the health and well-being of the people in California. CDPH achieves its mission through the following core activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting healthy lifestyles for individuals and families in their communities and workplaces. • Preventing disease, disability, and premature death and reducing or eliminating health disparities. • Protecting the public from unhealthy and unsafe environments. • Providing or ensuring access to quality, population-based health services. • Preparing for and responding to public health emergencies. • Producing and disseminating data to inform and evaluate public health status, strategies and programs.
<p>Legal Authority</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rabies Laws and Regulations • California Medical Waste Management Act • Radiation Regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Chapter 5, Subchapter 4
<p>What it means to you</p>	<p>Rabies: CDPH has authority to collect rabies vaccination information if local/county ordinances are in place to allow it. In addition, dog bites should be reported to your local public health official.</p> <p>Medical Waste Management: Medical waste (biohazardous, pharmaceutical, pathology, trace chemotherapeutic, and sharps waste must be managed in accordance with the law. Most practices use a state-approved medical waste transporter to dispose of waste, although in-house treatment and disposal systems are permitted by contacting your county. The Medical Waste Management Division can inspect premises for public health violations. You must register as a Small Quantity Generator with the program.</p> <p>Radiologic Health Branch: registers radiation producing machines, writes</p>

	<p>regulations pertaining to radiation safety, and inspects practices for compliance.</p>
<p>Contact</p>	<p><u>Medical Waste Management:</u> MWMP Headquarters: 916-449-5671 Southern California Regional Office: 818-551-2042, 818-551-2040 or 818-551-2041. P.O. Box 997377, MS 7405 Sacramento, CA 95899-7377 e-mail: MedWasteInfo@cdph.ca.gov</p> <p><u>Rabies:</u> VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION MS 7308 PO BOX 997377 SACRAMENTO, CA 95899-7377 (916) 552-9740 (916) 552-9725 FAX email: VETPH@CDPH.CA.GOV</p> <p><u>Radiologic Health Branch:</u> MAILING ADDRESS: Department of Public Health Radiologic Health Branch P.O. Box 997414, MS 7610 Sacramento, CA 95899-7414 PHYSICAL ADDRESS (for FEDEX, UPS, etc.): 1500 Capitol Avenue, 5th Floor, MS 7610 Sacramento, CA 95814-5006 (916) 327-5106 (916) 440-7999 fax email: RHBIInfo@cdph.ca.gov</p>