

QUICK FACTS: *Irregular Behavior*

DO

- ✓ Put all personal belongings, including your cell phone and study materials, in the locker provided
- ✓ Access your personal belongings only during authorized breaks
- ✓ End your patient encounter and stop typing your Patient Note as soon as announcements are made (Step 2 CS only)
- ✓ Verify you are on an authorized break screen before leaving the examination room for a break
- ✓ **Contact the USMLE program via security@usmle.org or the [USMLE website](http://www.usmle.org) if you have evidence that someone may have violated a USMLE rule**

DON'T

- ✗ Ask people what they saw on their examination or share what you saw on yours, including on web forums
- ✗ Change any information on score reports, transcripts, or any other USMLE-related documents
- ✗ Write on your skin, tissue, or any surface other than the laminated note board provided to you by test center staff on your examination day
- ✗ Apply and/or sit for an examination if you are not a current student or a graduate of a medical school program, even if you are appealing your school's decision to withdraw or dismiss you
- ✗ Provide examination content to others, including test preparation companies or other entities

You are responsible for reading the *USMLE Bulletin of Information* in its entirety; contact the [USMLE Secretariat's](mailto:security@usmle.org) office with questions or concerns.

Please see pages 24-25 for more information regarding irregular behavior.



STOP! THINK BEFORE YOU ACT!

Irregular behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Registering for or taking an exam when ineligible
- Seeking, providing, or obtaining prior access to exam content
- Altering exam scores
- Having unauthorized items in the testing area
- Using a proxy to take your exam
- Writing on anything other than the laminated note boards provided

The penalties for irregular behavior may include:

- Cancellation of your exam scores
- Ban on future testing
- Permanent annotation of your USMLE transcript
- Report to the FSMB's Physician Data Center
- Possible legal action

The USMLE program takes examination security seriously. If you have information concerning activities or behavior that may threaten the security or integrity of the USMLE, please contact us at security@usmle.org.