

Policy Statement on Registered Dental Assistants Exposing Radiographs

Pursuant to 0460-04-.11 of the Tennessee Board of Dentistry Rules and Regulations, a registered dental assistant shall not expose dental radiographs until certification has been issued by the Board.

If the licensed dentist(s) who is supervising a registered dental assistant, allows the dental assistant to expose dental radiographs without the proper certification, both the supervising dentist and registered dental assistant will be in violation of the Tennessee Dental Practice Act for unlicensed practice.

Upon notification to the Board that a supervising dentist(s) has allowed the registered dental assistant to expose radiographs, a complaint will be opened in the Office of Investigations for review by the board consultant and the board's attorney.

Upon review of the complaint, the registered dental assistant will receive a Letter of Warning from the board's consultant and the supervising dentist(s) will receive a reprimand and \$500.00 civil penalty for each registered dental assistant found to be exposing radiographs without the proper certification. A reprimand is formal discipline and is reportable to the National Practitioners Database.

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