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Prescription Medication Storage & Disposal

More than half (53%) of prescription opioid users report getting pills from **friends or family** (SAMHSA). Learn how to properly store and dispose of **unused medicine** to **help prevent** poisoning, misuse and overdose in your home.

DISPOSE OF MEDICATION PROPERLY

PHARMACIES
POLICE DEPARTMENTS
FIRE STATIONS
HOSPITALS
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

- Many locations have bins where unused & unwanted prescriptions can be disposed (excluding liquids, inhalants and needles).
- Some retail pharmacies offer FREE drug disposal powder or charcoal deactivation pouches that mix with the medication to allow for safe disposal. (CNBC and USA TODAY)

**ASK YOUR PHARMACIST
HOW TO PROPERLY DISPOSE
OF YOUR PRESCRIPTION.**



Needles and other sharps should be placed in a sharps disposal container immediately after use. This reduces the risk of needle sticks, cuts and punctures from loose sharps. Disposal containers can be found at pharmacies and should be kept out of reach of children and pets (FDA).

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