HOW to DISPOSE of Your MEDICATIONS

EVERY SINGLE DAY:

- Over 1,000 people are treated in emergency rooms for misusing prescription opioids. (CDC)
- More than 46 people die from overdoses involving opioids. (CDC)

2/3 of teens who misused prescription pain relievers report they got them from family and friends, including their home’s medicine cabinets. (SAMHSA, 2014)

MISUSE
of a prescription drug means to use it in a way other than how it was prescribed.

includes chronic or repeated misuse and/or taking the medication to experience a high.

ABUSE

CAN’T GET TO A DROP BOX? FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

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Police departments
Pharmacies
College campuses

Many locations have drop boxes where unused & unwanted prescriptions can be disposed (excluding liquids, inhalants and needles).

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