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Rx Safe Disposal

Preventing addiction and overdose in our community

WHAT IS SAFE DISPOSAL

Rx Drop Box; Justice Center, Flemington.

Safe disposal refers to the manner in which unused, unwanted, or expired medications (ie. prescription Rx, over-the-counter, pet meds, etc.) can be removed from the home and disposed of in a safe way.

HOW TO SAFE DISPOSE

Clean out your medicine cabinet of any unused, unwanted, or expired medications.

- **Sold medications**—Bring to your local Rx Drop Box (See reverse page).
- **Needles**—Ask your pharmacist about safe needle disposal boxes.
- **Liquids**—In a sealable bag or coffee can, make the medicine appear unattractive by mixing with coffee grounds or kitty litter. Dispose in household trash.

WHY CONSIDER SAFE DISPOSAL

Cleaning out your medicine cabinet reduces access and availability of potentially misused medications.

- Overdose and addiction are preventable.
- 1 in 4 first time drug users reported starting with medicine misuse.
- Most misused medicines come from a friend or family member's medicine cabinet.
- One person dies every 19 minutes from an overdose, a tragedy largely driven by the misuse of medications.

WHAT IS MEDICINE MISUSE

Any use of medicine that differs from the intended use.

- Taking someone else's medication.
- Taking a medication for the intention to alter one's mood or mind.
- Taking the wrong dose.

For more information or to find a drop box near you, visit www.safecoalition.org

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What you can do to prevent
addiction and overdose in our community

SAFEGUARD YOUR MEDS

Pictured above, example LockMed box.

LockMed Boxes

Safeguard your medicine by taking medicine out of accessible locations, such as a medicine cabinet, and store them in a locked container.

Designate an Adult

To prevent unintentional overdosing, designate one adult to oversee proper dosing.

Safe Disposal

Clean out your medicine cabinet of any unused, unwanted, or expired medications at your local Rx Drop Box.

USE AN RX DROP BOX

HUNTERDON COUNTY

Permanent Rx Drop Box Locations

Hunterdon County Justice Center
65 Park Avenue, Flemington

Holland Township Police Department
61 Church Road, Milford

Frenchtown Police Department
27 Second Street, Frenchtown

Lambertville Police Department
349 North Main Street, Lambertville

New Jersey State Police, Perryville
90 Route 173, Hampton

New Jersey State Police, Kingwood
945 Route 12, Kingwood

Readington Township Police Department
507 Route 523, Whitehouse Station

Tewksbury Police Department
167 County Route 523, Whitehouse Station

West Amwell Police Department
24 Mt. Airy Village Road, West Amwell

Hunterdon County Senior Center
4 Gauntt Place, Flemington
(*2nd Thursday of the month, from 10am to 11am*)

Can't get to a drop box?

Call the Sheriff's Office at (908) 788-1166.

They may assist in picking up your medications.

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