



Rx Safe Disposal

Preventing addiction and overdose in our community

WHAT IS SAFE DISPOSAL

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.

- ◆ **Solid 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.



Rx Drop Box;
Justice Center,
Flemington.

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 prescription painkiller (opioid) medications; such as hydrocodone, codeine, and morphine.

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.



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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	Lambertville Police Department 349 North Main Street, Lambertville	Readington Township Police Department 507 Route 523, Whitehouse Station	Hunterdon County Senior Center 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington <i>(2nd Thursday of the month, from 10am to 11am)</i>
Holland Township Police Department 61 Church Road, Milford	New Jersey State Police, Perryville 90 Route 173, Hampton	Tewksbury Police Department 167 County Route 523, Whitehouse Station	
Frenchtown Police Department 27 Second Street, Frenchtown	New Jersey State Police, Kingwood 945 Route 12, Kingwood	West Amwell Police Department 24 Mt. Airy Village Road, West Amwell	

Can't get to a drop box?

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

They may assist in picking up your medications.

