

Dispose of Unused Prescription Drugs

A growing number of adults and teens are getting high from prescription drugs, and the majority report getting the drugs easily and for free from a friend or relative.

Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse.

Dispose of your unused prescription drugs properly.

Disposal Guidelines

- Mix unused drugs with coffee grounds, kitty litter, or another undesirable substance and place in a sealed container before disposing in the trash.
- Prescription drugs should not be flushed down the toilet unless specifically instructed to do so.
- Where community prescription drug take-back programs exist, they are a good way to dispose of unused pharmaceuticals.

For more information, visit www.samhsa.gov/rxsafety, call 1-877-SAMHSA-7 (726-4727), or talk to your pharmacist.



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