



SAFE MEDICATION STORAGE & DISPOSAL


Any medication - including those you buy without a prescription - can be harmful if taken in the wrong way or by the wrong person. Some medications can be toxic to pets, children, and even the environment. Several key initiatives of the Department of Health and Department of Social Services address these concerns. **Medication take-back programs** allow the public to bring unused drugs to numerous locations across the state. **Safe at-home disposal options** such as DisposeRx® help households get rid of their unused or expired medications. For medications still in use, **safe and secure storage** helps ensure that medicine is only accessible to the prescription holder. All of these efforts aim to ultimately reduce the risk for accidental overdose or misuse of medications.



AS OF OCTOBER 2021...

 A total of **20,454 pounds** of drugs have been returned for destruction through the MedDrop Program.

 More than **800 DisposeRx packets** have been sent to individuals for safe at-home medication disposal.

 More than **500 lock boxes** have been distributed at no cost for individuals to safely secure their medication.

TAKE-BACK SITES

Many take back locations like pharmacies and police stations accept unused or expired medications year-round. The SD Board of Pharmacy has placed more than 80 permanent Trilogy MedWaste's MedDrop receptacles in South Dakota hospitals and retail pharmacies. For more information about adding a permanent drug take-back receptacle in your community, contact Melissa DeNoon at the SD Board of Pharmacy (Melissa.DeNoon@state.sd.us).



SAFE AT-HOME DISPOSAL



Safely get rid of unused or expired prescription medication at home. DisposeRx packets contain an FDA-approved ingredient that chemically and physically neutralizes the drugs when mixed with water. It can be used with pills, tablets, capsules, liquids and powders and thrown away safely at home. Free DisposeRx packets can be requested on the Avoid Opioid SD website listed below.

MEDICATION LOCK BOXES

Storing medications safely at home and on-the-go can help keep everyone safe. A medication lock box is a secure container that ensures medicine is only accessible to the prescription holder, and can be used by individuals, realtors, senior living centers, pharmacies, when traveling, or in other situations. Funding is available to provide free lock boxes for individuals that request them - to order, complete the simple form on <https://www.avoidopioidsd.com/take-action/medication-lock-boxes/>.



If you or someone you know is struggling with opioid addiction - don't wait. Reach out.

www.AvoidOpioidSD.com
Treatment Resource Hotline
1-800-920-4343

For more information about available safe medication storage and disposal options, visit www.AvoidOpioidSD.com/take-action/

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