



Avoid Opioid

PRESCRIPTION ADDICTION



OPEN HOUSE RESOURCES AND TIPS FOR REALTORS

OVERVIEW: To sell their home, sellers must open their home to the public. Although it doesn't happen all the time, it is a fact that theft does occur. Theft impacts the seller in all cases and theft of prescription medications has a larger impact on the community.

COMMONLY ABUSED MEDICATIONS:

- **Opiates:** pain killers, muscle relaxers
- **Depressants:** anxiety, depression, and sleep medications
- **Stimulants:** ADHD medications

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

www.AvoidOpioidSD.com

South Dakota Resource Hotline

1-800-920-4343

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEFT

- Individuals may work in teams using one person to distract the Realtor while the other person raids the medicine cabinet.
- Children may be used by asking if they can use the restroom.
- Individuals may take the entire bottle or only a few pills.
- Individuals may unlock doors or windows with plans to come back at a later time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CLIENTS

- Take record of prescription medications they have along with the quantity, and then secure them in a safe location.
- Utilize a lockbox to secure medications in a well-hidden location or have clients take the lockbox with them prior to an open house.
- Properly dispose of any unused or expired medications - to find a local medication take back site or order FREE Dispose Rx packets for at-home disposal, visit www.AvoidOpioidSD.com.

SUGGESTIONS FOR REALTORS

- Ensure medical devices and prescriptions are not visible in listing photos of the home.
- Do not allow anyone access without proper identification.
- Keep a sign in sheet or ask for identification at open houses.
- Request the client keep you notified about anyone who wants access to their home.
- Thoroughly check the home after an open house, making sure all doors and windows are locked.
- If the client believes something has been stolen, have them call you and the police immediately.