



Most teenagers who abuse prescription drugs get them for free from a friend or relative.

***To prevent abuse store your medications in a location inaccessible to them and, if you have leftover, unwanted, or expired medications, dispose of them properly.***

Safely dispose of unwanted or expired over-the-counter and prescription medications by taking them to a participating pharmacy.

Items accepted include:

- Cold and flu medications
- Antibiotics/steroids
- Medication samples
- Non-controlled prescription medications
- Vitamins/herbal supplements
- Pet medications
- Medicated ointments/lotions

*Narcotic pain killers and prescribed, controlled medications (e.g. Codeine, Ritalin, Xanax, Ambien, Vicodin, etc.) **must** be taken to a local law enforcement agency.*

*Certain restrictions may apply at any of the drop off locations. Call the drop site you plan to use for more information on what items are accepted.*



For a list of participating pharmacies and law enforcement drop boxes, go to [www.wmtakebackmeds.org](http://www.wmtakebackmeds.org)

## Disposal Instructions

1. Bring pills and liquids in their original containers to any participating pharmacy.
2. Block out **ALL** identifying personal information on the prescription label.
3. Do not remove the name of the medication.
4. The pharmacist must be able to see the medication type so he/she can properly sort and dispose of it.



## Law Enforcement Drop Box Locations

Allegan County Sheriff's Department  
112 Walnut Street  
Allegan, 49010  
269-673-0500

Kent County Sheriff's Department  
701 Ball Ave NE  
Grand Rapids, 49503  
616-632-6200

Kent County Sheriff's Department South  
8557 Kalamazoo SE  
Caledonia, 49316  
616-632-6490

Kent County Sheriff's Department North  
790 Seventeen Mile Rd  
Kent City, 49330  
616-632-6020

Muskegon County Sheriff's Department Road  
Patrol Offices  
1611 Oak Avenue  
Muskegon, 49442  
231-724-6259

Muskegon County Sheriff's Department Records  
Office  
25 W. Walton  
Muskegon, 49440  
231-724-6351

Barry County Sheriff's Department  
1212 W. State St.  
Hastings, 49058  
269-948-4805

Local (city) police departments may also have drop boxes for controlled substances (narcotics).  
Check the website for a complete list of participating agencies.



*The West Michigan Take Back Meds Program is a joint effort between local pharmacies, law enforcement, wastewater treatment facilities, and government agencies to provide residents with safe, convenient access to proper medicine disposal.*

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