



# PLAY SMART DON'T FUMBLE WHEN IT COMES TO DRUGS

**National Take Back Drugs Day – October 22, 2016**

Promote Take Back Day at your school and council area! Provide this flyer to parents so they can learn more about prescription drugs and find a convenient drop off location. To find the drop off location nearest you, click here:

[http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/)

Many municipalities maintain drop off locations year-round. Find one close to you:

<http://www.stoprxabuseinga.org/prescription-drug-disposal.html>

## Why is disposal of medicines so important?

More Americans now die every year from drug overdoses than they do in motor vehicle crashes and the majority of those overdoses involve **prescription medications**. Health care providers write millions of prescriptions for opioid pain medications each year.

These medications accumulate in medicine cabinets and drawers around houses and pose a danger to curious or thrill-seeking youth. These medications cannot be disposed of in your trash/toilet and must be turned in for proper disposal.

Heroin belongs to the same class of drugs as opioids, and 4 in 5 heroin users started out by misusing prescription opioid pain medications. Opioids are a class of prescription pain medications that includes hydrocodone, oxycodone, morphine, and methadone.

### TOP RANKED RX OPIOIDS

- Hydrocodone (Lortab, Norco, Lorcet)
- Tramadol (Ultram)
- Oxycodone with Acetaminophen (Percocet)
- Oxycodone (Oxycontin)
- Acetaminophen w/ Codeine (Tylenol #3)
- Methadone
- Hydrocodone Syrup (Hycodan, Tussionex)
- Promethazine with Codeine Syrup (Phenergan w/Codeine)
- Hydromorphone (Dilaudid)
- Morphine (MS Contin)
- Buprenorphene (Suboxone, Subutex)

Looking for advice about how to talk with your child about drugs?  
Check out the Parent Toolkit from the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids.

<http://www.drugfree.org/the-parent-toolkit/age-by-age-advice/>

The DEA strongly encourages parents to use a locked medicine cabinet.

## QUESTIONS?

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