

# PRESCRIPTION FOR DANGER



**PROPERLY DISPOSE OF UNWANTED MEDICATIONS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

**Alexandria Police Headquarters**  
3600 Wheeler Avenue

**First Baptist Church**  
2923 King St

**Alexandria Fire Department**  
5255 Eisenhower Ave

**The Neighborhood Pharmacy of Del Ray**  
2204 Mt Vernon Avenue

## SYMPTOMS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

- Changes in mood
- Changes in sleeping
- Curfew violations
- Drug paraphernalia
- Lack of grooming
- Loss of appetite
- Low energy
- Missing work/school
- Slurred speech
- Unexplained weight loss/gain
- Temper outbursts

**Suspect Problems?**  
**Call 1-800-662-HELP (4357)**



**Drop-off your unwanted medications**  
**Saturday**  
**April 29, 2017**  
**10:00AM-2:00PM**

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Many people believe prescription drugs are safer than illegal drugs because a doctor prescribed them—they're not.
- More people die accidentally from prescription drugs each year than all types of illegal drugs combined.
- Combining pain killers or anti-anxiety drugs with alcohol multiplies the effect—your heart or your breathing can stop.
- Drug-induced deaths now exceed deaths from motor vehicle accidents in more than 17 states.
- Most kids who abuse prescription drugs report they get them from their home medicine cabinets or from friends.
- Proper disposal of unwanted medication prevents environmental contamination of our waterways and soils.

## SYMPTOMS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG OVERDOSE

|                        |                                       |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Abnormal pupil size  | • Nausea and vomiting                 |
| • Agitation            | • Non-reactive pupils                 |
| • Convulsions          | • Staggering or unsteady gait         |
| • Paranoid behavior    | • Sweating or extremely dry, hot skin |
| • Difficulty breathing | • Tremors                             |
| • Drowsiness           | • Unconsciousness                     |
| • Hallucinations       | • Violent or aggressive behavior      |

**Suspect an Overdose? Call 911**



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