

2021 Medication Take Back Events Summary

On behalf of Safe Kids Grand Forks, we extend our gratitude to the City of Grand Forks for helping support our Safe Kids injury prevention efforts. We wanted to provide a summary of the 2021 Medication Take Back Events that were held throughout our community. This is but one example of how the funding provided by the City of Grand Forks is being used to support our work.

Throughout 2021, we held three successful Medication Take Back Events at a location on Columbia Road and two at the Grand Forks Senior Center. Our first event held in March 2021 featured a "Battle of the Badge". The GF Police Department, GF Sheriff's Office and the UND Police Department battled it out to see who would be able to collect the most medication disposed on that day by the general public.

The GF Police Department came in first place with 100 pounds of medication collected, the UND Police Department came in second place with a total of 93 pounds collected and the GF Sheriff's Office came in third with 55 pounds collected. A total of 248 pounds of medication was collected and disposed of that day alone.

Here are the totals from all the events held in 2021:

March 2021: **248#**

June 2021: **83#**

July Senior Center: **21#**

September 2021: **68#**

October Senior Center: **15#**

The total amount of medications collected and safely disposed of in 2021 through these efforts was 435#.

To conduct these events, we partner with Altru Health System, the Grand Forks Sheriff's Office, Dakota Commercial (parking lot space) and the Grand Forks Senior Center. We are also proud to list the City of Grand Forks as our sponsor in this work. It shows your commitment to the safety of those living in our community. We also could not do these events without your financial support and want to share our gratitude and an account of the 2021 medication take back events.

Thank you from the Team at Safe Kids Grand Forks

