

I PLEDGE TO LOCK UP MY MEDICATIONS

TO STOP OPIOID MISUSE START AT HOME



Did your pharmacist offer you a free locking device today? We invite you to participate in a brief online survey for the **Safe Medication Storage Program**. Simply open your phone's camera app, hover over the QR code, and tap the notification to follow the link to the survey.



Nearly half of people misusing pain relievers, including prescription opioids, get them from a friend or family member!



Ending opioid misuse in your community begins in your home. Locking up opioid medications helps to keep your family and community safe.

TIPS FOR SAFE STORAGE

- Don't store your medications in your bathroom.
- Lock up opioid medications in a locking bag, locking prescription bottle, locking cabinet, or safe.
- Keep the key or combination to your locking device in a different location from your prescriptions to discourage theft and misuse.
- Find safe storage devices online or at hardware stores or drug stores.

KNOW THE FACTS

What is an Opioid?

Opioids are a specific class of drugs commonly used to reduce pain.

Opioids prescribed by doctors include oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine, fentanyl, and others. Heroin and illicitly manufactured fentanyl are also opioids.

Opioids can negatively affect the reward center in the brain. Over time, a user may need more and more, making these drugs highly addictive.²

YOUR INFLUENCE MATTERS

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Dispose of unused pills at a take back site to keep your family and community safe.



Dispose of unused medications safely at a pharmacy location near you. Find one at [MedTakeBackWashington.org](https://www.MedTakeBackWashington.org)

LEARN MORE ABOUT SAFE STORAGE OPTIONS AT
[GetTheFactsRx.com](https://www.GetTheFactsRx.com)

Sources:

¹Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

²National Institute on Drug Abuse for Teens

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