

SECURING AND DISPOSING MEDICATIONS AT HOME

Resources for Wood County Residents

The problem use of opioids and stimulants is an epidemic in Wisconsin. The number of deaths related to opioid and stimulant use have increased almost every year since 2000. In order to make an impact on these trends, the Division of Care and Treatment Services is partnering with Alliance for Wisconsin Youth to offer resources to local communities that will enhance prevention efforts.

The following resources can be requested from Wood County Health Department by residents or community agencies, free of charge:

Disposal

Prescription Drug Deactivation Pouches (Deterra)

Disposable pouches that deactivate prescription and over-the-counter medications in order to safely dispose of medications, liquids, and patches from home by throwing the deactivated medications in the trash.



TakeAway Med Return Envelopes

TakeAway med return envelopes are the most environmentally sound option for at-home medication disposal. Medications are mailed directly to a disposal company in their original containers to be incinerated at no cost.



Security

Prescription Drug Lock Box

Lock boxes provide individuals with a tool to safely secure medications in their home in order to prevent diversion of medications for nonmedical purposes. Lock boxes have a key lock access.



Prescription Drug Lock Bag

Lock bags provide individuals with a tool to safely secure medications in their home or on the go in order to prevent diversion of medications for nonmedical purposes. Although not completely tamper-proof, lock bags keep medications out of sight/out of mind and create an additional barrier to accessing medications.



Questions/Request Materials

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