

What Can I Turn In?

- ◆ All prescription and over-the-counter medications, including vitamins
- ◆ Veterinary medications
- ◆ Liquid medication and loose pills **MUST** be **SEALED** in containers or plastic bags
- ◆ All needles, lancets and other sharps **MUST** be deposited in the red sharps container

What Isn't Accepted?

- ◆ Items from medical offices, pharmaceutical representatives or pharmacies
- ◆ Thermometers and other mercury items
- ◆ Empty containers
- ◆ Illegal drugs and paraphernalia
- ◆ Personal care items

Collection Locations

Available 6:00 am – 2:00 am:

1st Precinct
2509 Princess Anne Road (Bldg. 11)
(757) 385-4377

(Large amounts of medications are accepted at the Property & Evidence window from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm.)

Available 24 hours:

2nd Precinct
820 Virginia Beach Blvd.
(757) 385-2700

3rd Precinct
926 Independence Blvd.
(757) 385-2703

4th Precinct
840 Kempsville Road
(757) 385-2800

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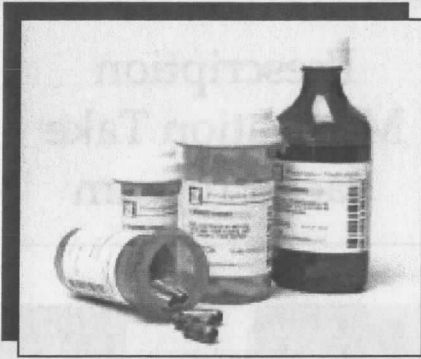
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Prescription Medication Take Back Program



Virginia Beach
Police Department



About the Program

The Virginia Beach Police Department launched the program in June 2015 to better serve the community by providing a secure means for Virginia Beach residents to dispose of their unused or expired prescription and non-prescription medications. The medications are then safely disposed of by DEA-approved incineration. The program safely collects and disposes of over one ton of unused or expired medications each year!

Citizens are able to drop off unused medications at any precinct. No paperwork is required and citizens can remain anonymous.

Drugs have been detected in drinking water supplies of at least 46 million Americans.¹

Why Is This Needed?

It is unsafe to flush drugs in the toilet or dispose of them in the garbage. Drugs flushed down the toilet cannot be removed by sewage treatment and can be released into waterways, which can lead to contamination of surface and ground water. This program provides a safe, legal and environmentally acceptable drug disposal method.

Law enforcement has noticed a steady rise in the abuse of prescription medications by youth, resulting in increased heroin use and overdose deaths. Often, prescription drug abuse is perceived as "less serious" than tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs because prescription drugs are originally obtained legally.

Many teens think prescription drugs are safe because they have legitimate uses. However, taking them without a prescription can be just as dangerous and addicting as using street narcotics and other illicit drugs.

Seventy percent (70%) of youth who abuse prescription drugs admit to getting them from family and friends.²



What Can I Do?

- ◆ Safeguard all medications. Store them out of sight and reach, preferably under lock and key.
- ◆ Do a yearly inventory of your medications and dispose of any that are expired or unused.
- ◆ Utilize this, or any, Prescription Medication Take Back Program to remove unused and expired drugs from your home.
- ◆ Set clear rules for teens about the use of medications.
- ◆ Call 911 for medical treatment in the event of an overdose.

In 2016, over 224,000 children (under 6 years old) accidentally ingested household medications.³

1. Associated Press Investigation: 2008. Pharmaceuticals found in drinking water.

2. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. 2008 National Findings

3. National Capital Poison Control