

Nat'l Rx Drug Take Back Day

October 23, 2021

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses the impacts of drug addiction to improve public safety and health.

This event is run by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration Administration (DEA) and is an opportunity for communities to prevent overdose and addiction by encouraging the public to clean out their medicine cabinets and safely dispose unused or expired prescription drugs at a Take Back site of their choosing.

Learn quick facts about the impacts of addiction, the value in safe drug disposal and access resources by following the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative (IHC) Take Back Day journey.

Bonus Resources for Iowa Residents

If you reside in Iowa, utilize the maps below to help you with your Take Back Day.

- + [Iowa Take Back site map](#) (Link)
- + [Iowa naloxone directory](#) (Link)

WARNINGS

- + **DO NOT** toss your unwanted prescription drugs in the toilet or sink. This action could release traces of drug residues into rivers, lakes, and community drinking water supplies. Trash cans and dumpsters should also be avoided to prevent others from obtaining your unwanted prescription drugs.



Start

FACT: In April 2019, 9.7 million people misused pain relievers.

- + Check for expiration dates
- + Disposal instructions
- + Scratch off information on prescription drugs to make it unreadable



Home Medicine Cabinet

Identify drugs (Link).

FACT: A majority of misused prescription drugs are obtained by family and friends.



Police Station



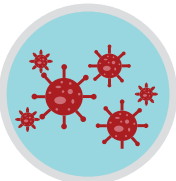
Pharmacy

View Take Back Day state statistics (Link).

If you are in law enforcement, host a collection site (Link).

Learn about naloxone and how to respond effectively in an opioid overdose emergency (Link).

FACT: Misusing drugs can increase chances of getting severely ill from COVID-19. [Learn More](#) (Link).



COVID-19



iCompass

Share your Take Back Day story on iCompass (Link).

Download posters, handouts and other Take Back Day materials (Link).

End

Learn more at <https://takebackday.dea.gov/> (Link)

