

SAFE OPIOID STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

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Do not store your opioids in common rooms in the house (like bathrooms, kitchens) or in purses.



Keep a count of how many pills you have left.

Dispose of all unused opioids

- Use a permanent medication drop box. To find one near you, visit: Michigan-OPEN.org/takebackmap
- Drop off at a community Medication Take Back event.
- Use your household trash as a last resort.



Mix opioids (do not crush) with used coffee grounds or kitty litter in a plastic bag and throw away.



Scratch out personal information on the prescription label before disposing or recycling.

Do NOT flush opioids down the toilet.

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Did you know:



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3 of 5 teens say it's easy to get prescription opioids from their parents' medicine cabinet



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