



Safe Disposal of Medication



PREVENT ACCIDENTAL POISONING AND UNSAFE DRUG USE

You can play a part in keeping our community safe from drug overdose with simple changes at home: make it part of your routine to store and dispose of medication and needles safely.

PRESCRIPTION AND OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATION DISPOSAL

- Ask the pharmacist for a safe disposal “take-back” envelope when you fill your prescription. All pharmacies in SLO County either have a drug take-back kiosk or will give you an envelope that is postage paid and pre-addressed to a safe drug disposal facility.
- Visit [DisposeMyMeds.org](https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Health-Agency/Public-Health/Department-News/Tips-to-Store-and-Dispose-of-Medicine-Safely.aspx) to find other authorized medicine disposal locations near you.
- Drop off old or unused medication at Rx Drug Take-Back Day.
- For more information visit:
<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Health-Agency/Public-Health/Department-News/Tips-to-Store-and-Dispose-of-Medicine-Safely.aspx>



SAFE STORAGE

- Store your medicine someplace that is convenient for you, but out of plain sight and not accessible to others.
- Choose a location that is cool and dry.
The bathroom is usually not a good place to store medicine, as it is often hot and humid.
- For opioids and ADHD medication, consider storing these in a locked or well-hidden location.
These medications are the most commonly misused by adolescents.
- After you take your medication, put it back in its place. Never leave your medicine bottle out.



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Safe Disposal of Needles



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Disposing of sharps isn't always convenient. At the same time, sharps in the trash and recycling pose a huge health risk to sanitation workers. If workers come across a needle hidden in trash, they can get struck and have to wait up to a year to know if they've contracted a blood-borne virus, such as hepatitis B.

NEEDLES, SYRINGES, BLADES and LANCETS

- **What IS CONSIDERED A SHARP?** All of the following must be disposed of as sharps waste: hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles, lancets and other devices that are used to break the skin of people and animals.
- The San Luis Obispo County IWMA operates a **FREE** Home Generated Sharps Disposal Program. Dispose of used needles, syringes, lancets and other sharp objects in a free disposal container which is now available from local pharmacies. When the container is full, return it to the pharmacy and receive a new container. This service is free to households. Please no businesses.
- For more information visit: <https://www.iwma.com/guide/needles-and-sharps/>

San Luis Obispo Pharmacies

Community Health Center Pharmacy
77 Case Ste 204 | (805) 269-1500

Costco
1540 Froom Ranch Road | (805) 541-7028

CVS Pharmacy (Kiosk)
3960 Broad Street | (805) 783-2903
1300 Madonna Road | (805) 549-0993
717 Marsh Street | (805) 547-9885

Kohana Pharmacy
181 Tank Farm Road | (805) 542-0864

Rite Aid
1251 Johnson Avenue | (805) 545-0655
956 Foothill Boulevard | (805) 543-5697

(CVS) inside Target
11990 Los Osos Valley Road | (805) 858-9903

Vons
3900 S. Broad Street | (805) 541-1055



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