

Protect Your Prescription Medications from Damage, Loss and Theft

Up to 30% of opioid pain medications are used by someone other than the person the medication was prescribed. Taking medications that are not prescribed to you is dangerous. It is also illegal.



Every day more than 1,700 children and young adults begin experimenting with prescription drugs. Other than marijuana, prescription drugs are the most frequently offered drug to children.



To prevent misuse of your prescriptions drugs:

- Remove drugs from your medicine cabinet that are no longer being used. Properly dispose of them.
- Keep medications in a safe, locked place to keep them away from children, pets, visitors and family.
- Always store medications in the original labeled container.
- When traveling, carry the current prescription in the pharmacy labeled bottle.
- Monitor the quantity of your medications by keeping count of what has been used.
- Set clear rules. Talk with your children about the dangers of prescription drug abuse. Prescription drugs can be just as dangerous and lethal as street drugs.
- If you are concerned about the safety of storing medicines in your home, tell your provider so you can talk about how to handle this problem.

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