Take Charge Ohio



Safely Store and Dispose of Pain Medications

Safe Storage Tips:

After being prescribed a prescription pain medication, consider the following medication storage options:

Store your medication in the original container and out of sight.

Keep medication in a **locked** container, drug-safe cabinet, or drawer, and out of the reach of children and pets.

If you have leftover medication, it is important to safely dispose of any unused or remaining pills.

Safe Disposal Tips:

Once finished with a prescription pain medication, consider the following medication disposal options:

Read the materials that came with your prescription instructions for disposing of unused medication.

Take advantage of local drug take-back events or community drop boxes.

Dispose of unused medications in the trash with an unpleasant substance.

Visit FDA.gov to find a list of medications that can be flushed.

It's Time to Take Charge, Ohio.

Learn how to safely store and dispose of medication at pharmacy.ohio.gov/disposal.

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