



Did You Know?

Prescription drugs play an important role in treating many conditions and diseases, but when this medicine is no longer needed, it's not safe to keep it in your home. Proper disposal of medication:

- ❖ **Keeps you from accidentally taking the wrong medicine or a medicine that is too old to work**
- ❖ **Protects children and pets from poisoning**
- ❖ **Discourages misuse or abuse of prescription drugs** - In 2010, 1 in 20 people in the U.S. used prescription painkillers for nonmedical reasons.

Poison Control Centers reported almost 300,000 cases of improper medicine use in 2012. Over 4,000 involved children under age 6 accidentally exposed to someone's medicine.

Keeping unused prescription medication in your home can be dangerous!

Do Your Part

How to Dispose of Medicine Properly

- ❖ **The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day** provides a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of prescription drugs. For locations visit: http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html
- ❖ **Local Drug Take-Back Programs** may be available in your area. Call your city or county government's household trash and recycling service and ask if a drug take-back program is available in your community.
- ❖ **Ask Your Pharmacist** about other programs or how to properly dispose of medicine at home.
- ❖ Share this information with your friends.

