

What's going on?

According to the Michigan Prescription Drug & Opioid Abuse Task Force:

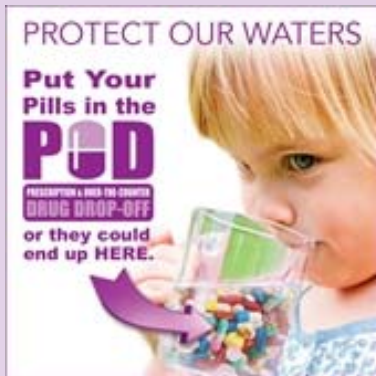
- 44 people die in the US every day from an overdose of prescription painkillers, more than cocaine and heroin combined
- In 2014, prescription drug abuse accounted for nearly 22,000 drug overdose deaths (half of all drug overdoses)

What's causing the increase?

- Easy access to prescription drugs
- A misconception that prescription drugs are safer than illegal drugs
- People are sharing drugs and taking drugs that were not prescribed for them

What's being done?

- Community education and outreach programs are increasing, including presentations to community groups and a media campaign
- Expired and unwanted prescription drugs are being collected; local efforts have collected over 10 tons since 2008



Prescription & Over-the-Counter Drug Drop-Off (POD) Boxes are a secure, convenient, and environmentally sound option for the disposal of unused and unwanted household medications. Residents can drop off unused or unwanted medications at any time throughout the year. All medications are handled according to the law enforcement agency's evidence protocols until take for final destruction in accordance with state and federal laws. There are currently 13 POD Drop Box locations in northern Michigan:

Emmet County :

City of Petoskey
Department of Public Safety
Front Lobby
of City Hall
101 East Lake St.
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-2500

City of Petoskey
Department of Public Safety
Public Safety Station
West
(Bay Harbor)
3625 Charlevoix Ave.
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4642

Emmet County
Sheriff's Office
Jeffery P. Bodzick
Administrative Office
and Correctional
Facility (Jail)
450 Bay Street
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-2036

Emmet County
Sheriff's Office
Richard L. Zink Law
Enforcement Center
Harbor Springs
(Road Patrol Building)
3460 M-119
Harbor Springs, MI
49740
(231) 439-8900

Harbor Springs
Police Department
170 Zoll Street
Harbor Springs, MI
49740
(231) 526-6211

Little Traverse Bay
Bands of Odawa
Indians Tribal Police
Department
911 Spring St.
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 242-1574

Charlevoix County:

Boyne City - City Hall
319 North Lake
Street
Boyne City, MI 49712
(231) 582-6611

Charlevoix County
Sheriff's Office
Beaver Island
37830 Kings Highway
Beaver Island, MI
49782
(231) 448-2700

Charlevoix County
Sheriff's Office
Jail Entrance
1000 Grant Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-4461

City of Charlevoix
Police Department
210 State St.
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-3258

City of East Jordan
Police Department
326 Main Street
East Jordan, MI
49727
(231) 536-2273

Antrim County:

Antrim County
Sheriff's Office
Administration Office
107 Grove Street
Bellaire, MI 49615
(231) 533-8627

Elk Rapids Police
Department
321 Bridge Street
Elk Rapids, MI 49629
(231) 264-6592

Items Accepted:

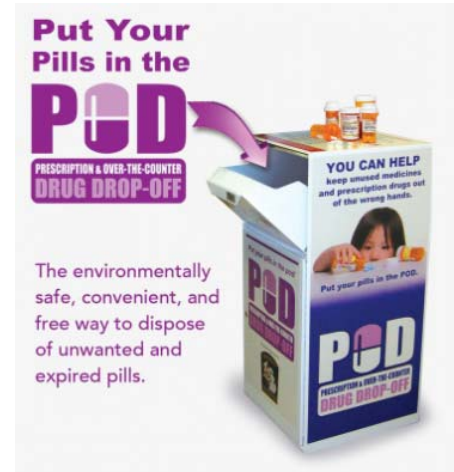
- Prescription Drugs – Controlled and Non-controlled
- Over-the-counter (OTC) Medicines
- Pet Medicines
- Nutritional Supplements and vitamins

Items Not Accepted:

- Needles, Lancets, or Pen Needles (ANY Sharps)
- Aerosol Cans
- Bloody or Infectious Waste
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Thermometers
- IV Bags

For more info and additional POD locations, please visit:

www.pillsinthepod.com



What can you do?

- **Monitor and secure your prescription drugs**

- ⇒ Monitor quantities and control access
- ⇒ Secure them in a locked cabinet or other safe place.
- ⇒ Keep track of refills



- **If it wasn't prescribed for you, don't use it!**

- **Don't share prescription drugs**

- **Help Spread the Word!**

- ⇒ Talk to teens about the dangers of prescription drugs
- ⇒ Report suspicious activity immediately

- **Properly dispose of expired/unwanted prescription drugs**

- ⇒ Watch community collection events
- ⇒ Use a Prescription & Over-the-Counter Drug Drop-off (POD) Box (locations listed on 2nd page)
- ⇒ For more information on how to dispose of unused medicines, visit the US Food and Drug Administration website at www.fda.gov and enter "Safe Disposal of Medicines" in the search box.

Campaign Area and Local Providers

Catholic Human Services

Health Department of Northwest Michigan

Wexford/Missaukee Intermediate School District



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