

## What's going on?

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

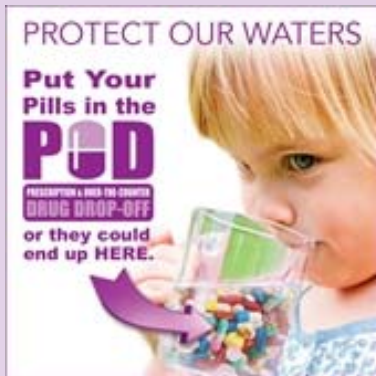
- 44 people die in the US every day from an overdose of prescription painkillers, more than cocaine and heroin combined
- In 2014, prescription drug abuse accounted for nearly 22,000 drug overdose deaths (half of all drug overdoses)

## 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:

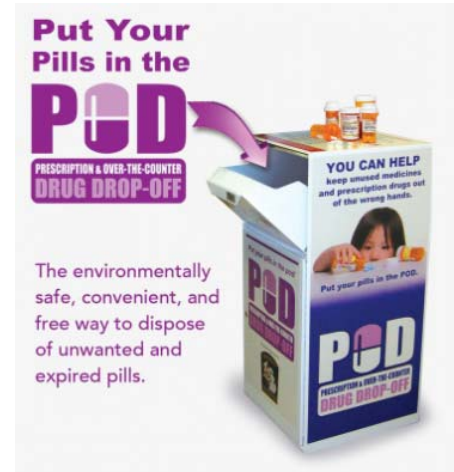
- Prescription Drugs – Controlled and Non-controlled
- Over-the-counter (OTC) Medicines
- Pet Medicines
- Nutritional Supplements and vitamins

### 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> page)
- ⇒ For more information on how to dispose of unused medicines, visit the US Food and Drug Administration website at [www.fda.gov](http://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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## Prescription Drug Abuse

