

Why Dispose of Unused & Expired Prescription Medications?

Over 9.5 million Americans and 55,000 Idahoans aged 12 and older misused prescription pain relievers in 2020.¹

Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue. When left in home cabinets they are highly susceptible to misuse or theft. Rates of prescription drug misuse across Idaho and the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses.

Keeping Old Medications Increases Access and Potential for Misuse

In 2020, nearly 10% of Idaho high school students reported that they had misused a prescription pain reliever one or more times in their life.²

While a majority of Idaho youth did not report misusing prescription drugs, of those that did:



74%

most often did so in their own home.

48%

misused their own prescription.

42%

took or received them from a family member or friend.

Proper Disposal of Unused Medications Saves Lives and Protects the Environment

Unused prescription medications thrown in the trash can be retrieved and misused or illegally sold. When flushed, they can contaminate the water supply.

Help keep your community safe by properly disposing of unused, unwanted, & expired prescriptions at permanent take back locations in your area.

Flip Over for Specific Locations.

Don't forget to share what you've learned about the dangers of prescription drug misuse and the importance of proper disposal with your child, family, and friends.

Learn more at StopOverdoseIdaho.org

1. National Survey on Drug Use and Health. 2020. SAMHSA.

2. Idaho Healthy Youth Survey. 2021. Idaho Office of Drug Policy

Southeastern Idaho Public Health

Serving Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Butte, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, and Power Counties

Prescription Drug Take Back Locations*

* The following law enforcement agencies & pharmacies offer medication disposal as of June 2022. We recommend calling prior to returning your medication to confirm hours and operation.

Bannock County Sheriff's Office

5800 S 5th Ave
Pocatello, ID 83204
208-236-7123

Fort Hall Police Dept.

56 E Agency Rd
Fort Hall, ID 83203
208-238-4000

Bear Lake County Sheriff's Office

30 N Main St
Paris, ID 83261
208-945-2121

Montpelier Police Dept.

534 Washington St
Montpelier, ID 83254
208-847-1324

Butte County Sheriff's Office

256 W Grand Ave
Arco, ID 83213
208-527-8553

Pocatello Police Dept.

911 N 7th Ave
Pocatello, ID 83201
208-234-6100

Caribou County Sheriff's Office

475 E 2nd St S
Soda Springs, ID 83276
208-547-2561

Preston Police Dept.

70 W Oneida St
Preston, ID 83263
208-852-2433

Oneida County Sheriff's Office

10 W Court St
Malad City, ID 83252
208-766-4116

Blackfoot City Hall

157 N Broadway St
Blackfoot, ID 83221
208-785-8600

Power County Sheriff's Office

550 Gifford St
American Falls, ID 83263
208-226-2319

Blackfoot Fire Dept.

225 N Ash St
Blackfoot, ID 83221
208-785-8605

Aberdeen Police Dept.

17 N Main St
Aberdeen, ID 83210
208-397-4270

Bingham Memorial Hospital ER

98 Poplar St
Blackfoot, ID 83221
208-785-3813

Blackfoot Police Dept.

501 N Maple St
Blackfoot, ID 83221
208-785-1235

Bengal Pharmacy at Lost River

551 Highland Dr
Arco, ID 83213
208-527-8201

Chubbuck Police Dept.

5160 Yellowstone Ave
Chubbuck, ID 83202
208-237-7172

Walgreen's Pharmacy

905 Yellowstone Ave
Pocatello, ID 83201
208-233-2382