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Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse.

Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.

The non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most common form of drug abuse in America.

The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family and friends—and the home medicine cabinet.

Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.

Take-back programs are the best way to dispose of old drugs. But if a program is not available:

- Take the meds out of their bottles;
- Mix them with something unappealing like used kitty litter or coffee grounds;
- Seal them in a bag or disposable container, and throw that away.

For more information on prescription drug abuse, go to:

- www.DEA.gov
- www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com
- www.JustThinkTwice.com

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Los medicamentos recetados sin usar o vencidos constituyen un problema de seguridad pública porque conllevan a su uso indiscriminado, envenenamiento accidental o sobredosis.

Los medicamentos farmacéuticos pueden ser tan peligrosos como las drogas de la calle si se toman sin prescripción o sin la supervisión de un médico.

El uso no terapéutico de medicamentos recetados es la segunda forma más común de drogadicción, superado únicamente por la marihuana, en Estados Unidos.

La mayoría de los adolescentes que abusan de los medicamentos recetados los obtienen de familiares y amigos-y del botiquín de sus casas.

Los medicamentos recetados sin usar que se botan a la basura pueden ser recolectados y usados indiscriminadamente o vendidos ilegalmente.

Los medicamentos sin usar que se botan por las tuberías contaminan los acueductos. Desechar adecuadamente estos medicamentos salva vidas y protege el medioambiente.

Los programas de recolección son la mejor manera de desechar estos medicamentos viejos. Sin embargo, si no se cuenta con un programa de recolección, se recomienda:

- Vaciar los medicamentos de sus empaques;
- Mezclarlos con una sustancia no agradable; por ejemplo, arena para gatos o residuos de café molido;
- Sellarlos en una bolsa o envase desechable y arrojarlos a la basura.

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