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Secure Medicine Disposal

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Prescription drug abuse is a serious and growing problem in our communities. Abuse of medicines—especially opiate pain relievers like OxyContin, codeine, and Vicodin—is increasing rapidly. Opiate-based prescription drugs produce a highly addictive euphoria that is associated with many other drugs of abuse. These medications are often prescribed by doctors after surgery or for chronic pain.

The consequences are serious. According to the Oregon State Medical Examiner, in 2010, 190 people died from the effects of overdosing on opiate-based prescription drugs in our state.

Our young adults and teens are at risk. According to the 2010 Oregon Wellness Survey, 4.0% of 8th graders and 7.9% of 11th graders have used prescription drugs as a way to get high. This is higher than the statewide average of 3.9% of 8th graders and 6.6% of 11th graders.

Our medicine cabinets are taking the place of drug dealers. Three in five teens say prescription pain relievers are easy to get from parents' medicine cabinets. Over half of prescription drug abusers get the medicines from a friend or relative. More than half of teens say pain relievers are "available everywhere".

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office in partnership with the Oregon High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Office now offers the public the ability to dispose of their medications through our Prescription Drug Collection Program. The program offers the public a means to anonymously deposit their expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs, 7 days-a-week anytime between the hours of 6 AM to Midnight.

Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drug Collection Programs can help reduce access to prescription drugs to prevent

abuse. Getting rid of unneeded medicines from our homes safely helps reduce access to drugs that could be abused. Flushing medicines is bad for the environment, and measurable amounts of drugs end up in downstream drinking water. Throwing medicines in the garbage—especially drugs like OxyContin—is just not safe because the drugs can be obtained and used illegally.

Medication from households is accepted in any form, including prescriptions, over-the-counter and pet medication. Individuals are asked to keep the medicine in their original containers, tightly sealed and secured in a zip lock bag to prevent leakage and contamination. Participants are encouraged to remove or "black out" their personal information from the prescription labels.

We ask that no needles or sharps are put into the drug collection box. All of the medications collected from this program will be destroyed by incineration.

For more information you can contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at 541-440-4486.



12 Tips to Keep You Safer in 2012

1. **Extend the Life of Your Holiday Gifts: Get Them Engraved.** Why not set aside some time right after the holidays to get your gifts engraved - not with your name or the name of a loved one: get your valuables engraved with your Oregon Driver License number.
2. **The Next Time You Leave Your Car, Leave it Empty.** Criminals love to go window shopping. Don't give thieves that kind of opportunity. Make sure you leave nothing of value in plain view in your car. Take valuables away with you or put them in the trunk.
3. **Know Who to Trust When Going on Vacation.** Make arrangements for a neighbor or friend to pick up your mail and newspapers if you are going to be away - even for one night. Would-be burglars size up a neighborhood and watch for mail boxes that are not emptied. To them it means nobody is home, and that home might be an easy target. Don't forget a timer to turn the lights on and off so the house looks occupied. Taking care of the mail and arranging for proper lighting both help keep a burglar in the dark.
4. **Don't Share Too Much in Online Profiles.** Whether it's a social networking site, dating site, or a personal homepage, don't share too much personal information. A stranger can use information such as your full name, where you work, your address, your phone number, even the name of your school to identify you. Also, don't let everyone know on your travel plans online. Before deciding whether to post something, remember that the more information malicious people have about you, the easier it is for them to take advantage of you.
5. **Turn On the Lights, a Bright Idea in Crime Fighting.** Keep a constant light on outside at night and that small expense of electricity can be an important investment in crime prevention. It is a simple fact that burglars and thieves don't like bright places. They work in the dark. If one house is brightly lit, and another has no lights, criminals generally head for the dark one.
6. **Accessorize Your Purchases With a Photo!** The next time you buy a new bike, computer, table saw, make a snapshot of that purchase as one of your very first tasks. Ask a family member or friend to take two photos of the purchase, with you standing next to it. Put the first photo in the family album. On the back of the second photo, print the make and model of the purchase plus the serial number. Then put that picture with other important papers - such as family insurance policies.
7. **Never Tell Strangers about Your Home Security System.** Don't give information to anyone asking about your home security. If someone claiming to be a sales person comes to your door or calls your home asking about YOUR home security - politely turn them away. The individual may be a legitimate sales person from a home security firm hoping to make a sale, or that caller could be a would-be burglar hoping to find unprotected houses.
8. **Don't Assume Your Stuff is Safe in Your Driveway or Garage.** All too often, deputies respond to homes in nice, quiet residential areas where items have been stolen from an unlocked car or an open garage. It only takes seconds to access these areas and steal valuables: bikes, golf clubs, laptops and iPods. Most of these opportunity crimes can be prevented by keeping garages closed and cars locked. And if you leave your keys in your car - even in your own driveway or garage - you could easily lose your car too.
9. **While you are thinking about garage security:** if you do have a door to the house from the garage, make sure it has a sturdy lock. A high-quality dead-bolt is the best kind. It will slow a thief down, and maybe even discourage that thief completely.
10. **The Key to Crime Prevention is often - a Key!** Lock all doors and windows to stop burglars! Don't make a burglar's life easy with your own open door policy.
11. **Protect Your Account Information.** Do not give your credit card or bank information to anyone contacting you via e-mail or phone. Your own bank or card company will never contact you and ask you to provide account information. Once a year, run a credit check to be sure you haven't become the victim of an identity thief.
12. **Report Suspicious Activity.** Trust your instincts. If something doesn't seem right in your neighborhood or your school, it probably isn't. Reporting suspicious activities might help your local law enforcement to identify a suspect or a crime trend. For activities in progress, call 911. Otherwise, call the Douglas County Non-emergency Dispatch center at 541-440-4471.

Happy New Year!

Recovering Stolen Property



Being a victim of theft is a disturbing experience. Almost equally disturbing is the difficult and long process for recovering your stolen property. Criminals can quickly dispose of your valuables by pawning them or selling them.

A great deal of found property comes into the Sheriff's Office. We do our best to locate the owners of found or recovered stolen property that comes into our custody. You can help us by providing detailed documentation of your property. This helps deputies immensely when it comes to locating stolen items or getting property back to the rightful owners.

Serial numbers are especially helpful. Whenever an item is stolen and the victim provides a serial number, a dispatcher or records clerk can immediately enter it into state and nationwide databases.

Whenever a law enforcement officer in any other county, or even state, comes across that item and "runs it for wants," he or she will know that it is stolen and contact the handling agency. We are then able to return the item to its rightful owner.

If you have valuable items without serial numbers, you can engrave or inscribe them with an Owner Applied Number (OAN).

When applying an OAN, the Oregon Crime Prevention Association recommends combining your driver's license state of issuance, your driver's license number, and then "DL" to indicate

that number is associated with a driver's license. A driver's license number is the most desirable identification number to use because it is directly traceable to you. (Example: OR12345DL)

By placing characters on either side of the number, it makes altering the number more difficult and tampering more evident.

Your "mark" should be plainly visible to anyone examining your property, such as an officer, dealing with recovered items.

Make sure it is in an accessible spot, permanently affixed to the item, not on a removable part like a lid, a plate, doors, etc.

After marking your property, make a list of your valuables, and keep a copy of the list in a safe place. Also be sure to record brand, model, a description, unique features and value of your important items.

It is also a good idea to take photos of small valuable items, such as jewelry, and keep the pictures along with your record of other marked items. If you should become a burglary victim, you will be able to quickly describe the stolen property from the list. This will be of great help to police in their attempts to recover stolen possessions.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office has a property record form online that you can download to record your serial numbers. Please visit our site at www.dcsso.com/operation_ID.asp for more information.



Sheriff's Office Crime Report —Unincorporated Douglas County

This is a summary report of property crimes occurring between December 1-31, 2011 reported to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

The information contained in this report is intended to help inform the citizens of Douglas County of the criminal activity occurring in their area. The data referenced in this report only includes incidents where a police report was initiated by a deputy and does not include all calls for service for the Sheriff's Office.

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