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Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Safe Use. Safe Storage. Safe Disposal.

Eau Claire, WI, October 25, 2017 – October is a busy month and it's all about More Kids Drug Free! This year, the campaign focus is on preventing prescription drug abuse. The number of people who misuse prescription drugs continues to rise, reaching record numbers. Unused medications left in your cabinet have the potential to fall into the hands of those who shouldn't use them. This could lead to drug abuse or accidental poisoning. When was the last time you cleaned out your medicine cabinet? Now is the time to get rid of expired and unused prescription medications.

Instead of flushing or throwing them away, safely dispose of them on National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. **The 1-day Take-back event is on October 28th from 10am to 2pm at Marshfield Clinic – Eau Claire Center (2116 Craig Road, Entrance B).**

In Eau Claire County, 200 high school youth will misuse prescription drugs this month, and 1 in 4 high schoolers tell us it is easy to get prescription medications. Most youth that are misusing medications got them **without permission**. They say either a friend gave it to them, or they got them from their own home, a friend's home, or a grandparent's home.

The goal of Take- Back Day is to provide a safe, easy and responsible way to dispose of medication. The National Take -Back event is hosted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and is coordinated locally by the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office and Marshfield Clinic.

We all have a part in keeping our youth safe from prescription medications. Help make prescription drugs less available by disposing of them properly! For more information about the Drug Take Back Day visit: www.getinvolvedasap.org or www.doseofreality.gov.

