

# Prescription Drug Drop Boxes



## ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHIER SOUTH CAROLINA

Nearly 600 people died in 2015 in South Carolina from opioid overdose. Keeping unused prescription drugs out of reach can help stop this problem. The Alliance for a Healthier South Carolina has been supporting the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services in their campaign to get at least one permanent prescription drug drop box per county so that people can properly dispose of their expired or unused medication.

Talk to the sheriff in your area and ask him or her to consider establishing a permanent prescription drug drop box. If your community is interested, your sheriff's department can visit [www.cvs.com/content/safer-communities](http://www.cvs.com/content/safer-communities) to apply for a free drop box. Once a dropbox is set up, you can contact us to help you develop a plan to promote it within your community.

### Steps to Keep Unused Prescription Drugs Out of Reach

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Tell your sheriff how many people died due to opioid overdose in your county in the last year. You can find that number at [goo.gl/yLqWlq](http://goo.gl/yLqWlq)

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Explain that:

- It is very easy to develop a pain-killer addiction
- Pain killers can be a gateway to other substance abuse issues such as heroin addiction, with all the health and safety consequences it brings
- Inappropriate disposal of drugs harms the environment and may pose a threat to human health

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Encourage your sheriff to make a difference in the health and safety of the county by taking advantage of the FREE prescription drug-drop boxes offered by CVS. Ask them to complete the short application at <https://goo.gl/zHsTm9>

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Spread the word and contact [lperret@scha.org](mailto:lperret@scha.org) to add the location to the map!