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San Diego Police Department SAFE PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF PROGRAM

In response to growing demands for a safe and convenient way to dispose of household prescription medications, the San Diego Police Department has installed a drop-box at two of its patrol divisions for quick and convenient use.

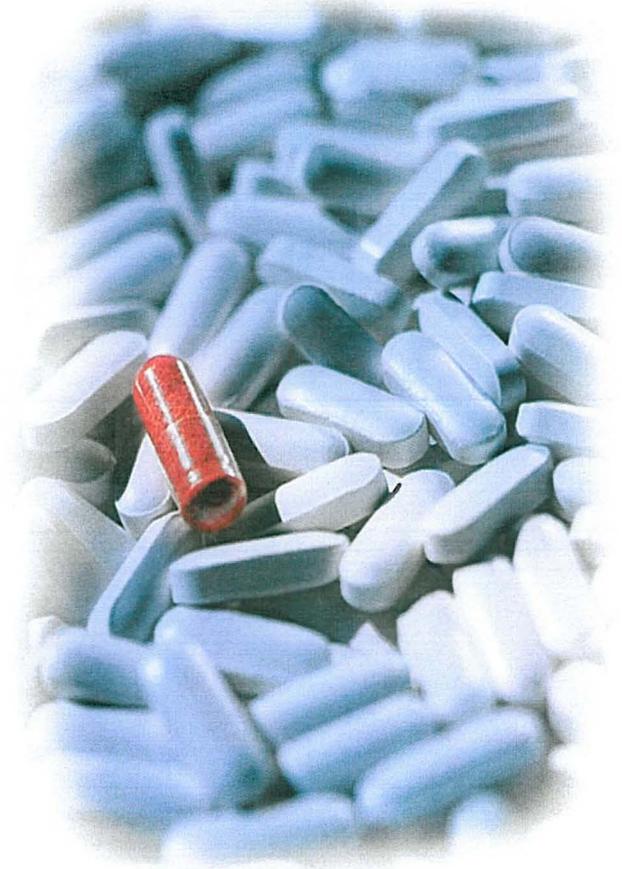
San Diego Police Department

(619) 531-2608

Monday through Friday

Residents can bring all types of unwanted medications, including prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

Citizens can remain completely anonymous. Remember, this program is for household medications only. Medical professionals are not eligible.



A program for **The City of San Diego** residents to safely dispose of unwanted household medications.





Why is it important to get rid of unwanted medications?

- Teenagers and young adults are abusing medications. Some taken from their parents or grandparents medicine cabinet at an alarming rate!
- Young children and pets accidentally ingest medications found around the home, leading to potential poisoning.
- Seniors can mistakenly mix incompatible medications or take expired drugs that may be harmful to them.

Why should we avoid flushing medications or throwing them in the trash?

- Wastewater treatment facilities are not designed to remove many of the constituents found in medications, so these materials may pass untreated into our water system. Researchers have detected trace elements of medications in numerous water bodies nationwide.
- Medications thrown in the trash are susceptible to retrieval by individuals or pets. When sent to the landfill, medications can potentially enter the environment.



The following items can be deposited in the drop box:

- Over-the-counter medications
- Prescription medications
- Medication samples
- Medications for household pets

The following items are NOT accepted:

- Needles or other “sharps”
- Hazardous waste
- Thermometers
- Personal care products (non-medicated shampoo, soap, perfume, etc.)
- Trash
- Mail
- Lost and found materials
- Empty containers
- Business/professional waste

Please keep medications in their original containers and remove or scratch out all personal information, including name, address, and phone number.

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Collection Locations:

The San Diego Police Department will accept unwanted household medications at the following locations:

Southeastern Division -

7222 Skyline Drive

San Diego, CA. 92114

Drop Box located in main lobby of station.
(619) 527-3500

Hours of operation:

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Northwestern Division -

12592 El Camino Real

San Diego, CA. 92130

(858) 523-7000

Drop Box located on north side of station at pedestrian gate.

Hours of operation:

24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

