

## **PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY**



# **PROTECT YOUR FAMILY**

Prescription drugs that fall into the wrong hands can be dangerous at any age.

**LOCK UP YOUR MEDS** to keep your family and anyone visiting your home safe and healthy. Use a safe, lockbox, or locked kitchen cabinet or drawer to secure your prescription drugs.

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### **AVOID USING THESE LOCATIONS TO STORE YOUR MEDICATIONS:**

- ❌ Nightstand
- ❌ Kitchen counter
- ❌ Bathroom
- ❌ On top of the refrigerator
- ❌ Any unlocked cabinet or drawer

## DON'T SAVE MEDS FOR A 'RAINY DAY'

**Leftover prescription drugs that you are no longer using pose a risk to you and your family.**

Someone could steal from your leftover supply, and since you're not actively taking them, you may not notice. Self-medicating with the leftover drugs in the future can be dangerous since some are highly addictive.



### PREVENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE

Of Kansas teens who report misusing prescription drugs, nearly 3 in 4 (74%) say they accessed those drugs through family and friends (buying, sharing or stealing).

*Source: Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey, 2020*

## FIND A DISPOSAL SITE OR DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Dispose of medications promptly after you stop taking them or when they become expired. Use a Medication Collection & Disposal site or find a Drug Take Back Day in your community. Our nearest disposal site is:



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