



NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL TAKE-BACK INITIATIVE

Sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Introduction

On September 25, 2010, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will coordinate a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies focused on removing potentially dangerous pharmaceutical controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. A national take-back day will provide a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. This one-day effort will bring national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. The program provides an opportunity for law enforcement, prevention, treatment, and the business community to collaborate and establish a safe collection site for all Americans, regardless of where they reside.

To participate in the program, agencies must register with DEA in advance and agree to the below protocols. Attached is a registration form that can be e-mailed or faxed to the DEA Milwaukee District Office.

Collection Day Protocols

- On Saturday, September 25, 2010, participating state and local law enforcement agencies will host one or more collection sites at locations of their choosing. Locations should be selected that provide easy access and available parking.
- Controlled, non-controlled, and over-the-counter substances may be collected. The general public is often unaware of the distinction in medication status.
- Collection efforts may be combined with community drug awareness activities and involve the distribution of brochures and other information.
- This program is anonymous and all efforts should be made to protect the anonymity of individuals disposing of medications. No questions or requests for identification should be made.
- Participants may dispose of medication(s) by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into a disposal box. Disposal boxes are available from the DEA Milwaukee District Office upon request. If you need additional collection boxes, you are authorized to use a container approved by your department as part of its standard operating procedures.
- No effort should be made by law enforcement personnel to count, inventory, or log medications.
- No liquids, intra-venous solutions, injectibles, or syringes will be accepted.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers. If an individual attempts to surrender an illicit controlled

substance, law enforcement personnel should handle such material as abandoned property in accordance with department policy.

- All participants must retain possession of their own medication during the surrender process. Law enforcement personnel should not handle the medications at any time.
- A law enforcement officer must remain with the drug disposal box at all times. Collected pharmaceutical products should be handled as drug evidence with law enforcement custody to safeguard the surrendered material.
- At the conclusion of the event, a law enforcement officer will seal the drug disposal boxes in accordance with your agency's policy and procedure. It is recommended that the box be sealed with tamper-evident tape or evidence sticker. Each box should be labeled as "Miscellaneous Pharmaceuticals to be turned over to DEA."
- The drug collection boxes should then be returned to your police department and stored per your department's standard operating procedures for safe keeping and temporary storage, until they are turned over to DEA.
- It will be the responsibility of the participating agency to drop-off the collected pharmaceuticals to one of six designated regional collection sites by 2:00 pm on Monday, September 27, 2010. Collected pharmaceuticals must be physically delivered to the site by law enforcement personnel and will not be accepted from a delivery service (i.e. – FedEx). Once the collections boxes are surrendered at one of the designated drop-off sites, DEA will assume responsibility for properly destroying the surrendered pharmaceuticals.
- The regional collection sites are:

Southeastern Wisconsin

DEA Milwaukee District Office
4725 W. Electric Ave.
West Milwaukee, WI 53219

Northeastern Wisconsin

Wisconsin State Patrol
851 S. Rolling Meadows Drive
P.O. Box 984
Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0984

Central Wisconsin

Wisconsin State Patrol
2805 Martin Ave.
Wausau, WI 54401-7172

Southwest Wisconsin

Wisconsin State Patrol
911 W. North Street
DeForest, WI 53532-1971

West Central Wisconsin

Wisconsin State Patrol
5005 STH 53 South
Eau Claire, WI 54701-8846

Northwest Wisconsin

Wisconsin State Patrol
7102 Green Valley Road
Spooner, WI 54801



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Registration Form

Participant Information

Law Enforcement Agency: _____

Point of Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Collection Site: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

DEA Contact Information

Point of Contact Name: _____ Group Supervisor Jorge Jimenez

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