

ADDICTION AND ABUSE

An alarming trend is emerging. Every day, more than 1,700 children and young adults begin experimenting with medications. These drugs range from pain relievers and depressants to stimulants and over-the-counter medicine. According to the trend analysis, prescription drug misuse is a growing problem in Dane County. Not all prescription drugs are being disposed of properly and youth are getting medications that do not belong to them out of household medicine cabinets.



CONNECTION TO HEROIN

The Department of Justice reports that 4 out of 5 heroin users start with prescription medications, and that people who abuse prescription drugs are 40 times more likely to use heroin.

LOCK BOX FEATURES

- Heavy-duty container
- Combination lock is easy to use and changeable
- Holds up to 24 prescriptions, including liquid medications
- Secure and easy to carry to work, school, road trips, etc.



MED DROP

You may safely dispose of unused or expired prescriptions at 'Med Drop' locations. When preparing for disposal, pour your pills out of their bottles into a Ziploc baggie. Please no Epi-pens or anything with a needle or lance.

Medications can be disposed at the 'Med Drop' Box which is located at the Waunakee Police Department (205 N. Klein Dr), Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm.

Free LockMed Lock Box Initiative



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WAUNAKEE NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION

WNC connects partners and neighbors to provide daily necessities, resources, and tools to those in need.

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PURPOSE OF THE INITIATIVE

Waukeke Community Cares Coalition (WCCC) and Waukeke Neighborhood Connection (WNC) team up to provide a free LockMed Lock Box to members of the Waukeke area community regardless of their economic status.

"Dane county is experiencing an epidemic of opioid abuse leading to our current epidemic of Heroin use and overdose death.... The theft of prescription opioids can be prevented by important programs like the Lock Box Initiative underway in Waukeke. Together, law enforcement and our Citizens can stem the tide of prescription theft by working together"

-Dave Mahoney, Dane County Sheriff

In the 2015 Dane County Youth Assessment Survey, 7% of Waukeke Students surveyed (Grades 7-12) reported using prescriptions medications to get high within the last 30 days.

"One of the most frequent crises that I see is a family affected by abuse of drugs, particularly prescription drugs... The physical, emotional, relational, and psychological damage that is caused by these drugs is catastrophic. "

-Pastor Brent Bickel, North Ridge Church

Accessibility is the number one contributing factor to the misuse and abuse of medications. The lock box initiative works towards making community members aware of the easy access to drugs and gives them the knowledge and tools to lock up prescription and over-the-counter medications, which is an evidence-based prevention strategy to reduce use.



"We have students who misuse and abuse prescription drugs and they often access these substances through household medicine cabinets that are not secure. Eliminating the access to these medications will help to keep our young people and community safe."

-Randy Guttenberg, Waukeke Community School District Superintendent

Yes, I would like to receive a Free LockMed Lock Box from Waukeke Community Cares Coalition and Waukeke Neighborhood Connection.

Please Note: 1 Lock Box per household, must live in the Waukeke School District.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Mail to: Waukeke Neighborhood Connection
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