



ARE YOUR MEDICATIONS SAFE?



Opioids are a type of drug used to reduce pain.

Prescription opioids are prescribed by doctors to treat moderate to severe pain everyday. Examples include oxycodone (OxyContin), hydrocodone (Vicodin), morphine, and methadone.

Prescription drug misuse is when medication is taken without a prescription, taking someone else's prescription, in a way other than described, or for the feelings it causes (to get high).

In a 2018 survey, 10.3 million Americans aged 12 or older misused opioids within the past year. Prescription drug misuse can have serious medical consequences like addiction and unintentional overdose.

In 2018, more than half (51.3%) of people who misused prescription pain relievers obtained the last pain reliever they misused from a friend or family member.

Easy access is one of the number one contributing factors to the misuse of medications. Securing or locking up your medications helps reduce easy access to medications.

WHY DO I NEED A HOME MEDICATION LOCK BOX?

You should request a FREE home medication lock box if...

- You, or a family member, are currently taking an opioid prescription;
- You have multiple medications in your home;
- You have small children or teens in your home;
 - Small children or teens frequently visit your home;
- You are hosting an open house or your home is currently on the market;
 - You are a realtor wanting to provide clients with a medication lock box



Home medication lock boxes are available for pick up at the City of Franklin Health Department:

9229 W. Loomis Road.
Franklin, WI 53132
(414) 425-9101

Please Note:

Free home medication lock boxes are limited to residents of the City of Franklin

For more information about opioids visit: www.cdc.gov or www.dhs.wisconsin.gov

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