

Did you know that unused or expired medications can pose a threat to your family's health and safety?

- 45% of households contain medications that can be abused. Only 10% keep them in a secure place.
- The most commonly abused prescription drugs are painkillers, depressants and stimulants.
- 300,000 Canadian teens have abused prescription drugs. 59% of them got them from a home.



Medications can be harmful and even deadly if they fall into the wrong hands. Risks include small children accidentally ingesting medication, someone intentionally taking prescriptions that aren't prescribed to them, someone confusing one medication for another, or even a risk of theft for some medications.

Safely store medications in a locking cabinet, safely dispose of unused or expired drugs by returning them to a pharmacy, and talk to your kids about the dangers of abusing prescription drugs.

The Moose Jaw South Central Drug Strategy is hosting a **Take Back Day** for unused or expired medications on **Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Bring your medications back to **The Medicine Shoppe**, 323 4th Ave. SW, or **Moose Jaw Main Street Pharmacy**, 361 Main St. N. When returning your medications, please leave them in their original packaging, but black out any identifying information on the label.

Above statistics taken from <https://drugfreekidscanada.org/>