

# Drug storage and disposal tips

Keep a close watch on your family's prescription medications to protect those you love. Follow these important safeguards:

- Inventory all medications in your home, noting the number of pills and refills remaining.
- Keep all medicines — including over-the-counter drugs — in a locked cabinet or other safe place and monitor them closely. Urge relatives and friends to do the same.
- Maintain control of any drug prescribed to a child or teen.
- Place the national hotline for poison control centers — **800-222-1222** — near every home phone and in your cell phone address book.
- Discard expired or unused medications at Drug Take Back Day events, which are held twice a year throughout Ohio. Collection dates and locations are posted at **www.dea.gov**.

## Where to turn



- To find a treatment provider in your area, call the Ohio Department of Drug and Alcohol Addiction Services at **800-788-7254**.
- Learn how to get involved with the Drug Free Action Alliance by visiting **www.drugfreeactionalliance.org** or calling **614-540-9985**.

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