

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY



National Prescription Drug Take Back is a bi-annual event that occurs on the last Saturdays of April and October. For Sailors, this observation serves as a good reminder to organize your medicine cabinet and properly dispose of unused medications (e.g.: both prescription and over-the-counter drugs, ointments, creams, lotions, powders, and liquid medicines up to four ounces) both for your own well-being, and for the safety of family members.

For more information on how to dispose of your unused prescription medications, visit the **Prevention Toolkit (PTK)** on MyNavy HR or **contact the Primary Prevention Force** (N17_primaryprev.fct@us.navy.mil).

DID YOU KNOW?

ONE-THIRD

Nearly one-third of veteran suicide attempts involve prescription medicine.

70%

of prescription pain medication misuse involves drugs obtained from friends or relatives, according to the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

12%

According to the 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, approximately 12% of high school students reported current misuse of prescription opioids.



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