

# SPF-SIG Newsletter

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## How Are Prescription Drugs Abused?

Prescription and over the counter drugs may be abused in one or more of the following ways:

**Taking a medication that has been prescribed for somebody else.**

Unaware of the dangers of sharing medications, people often unknowingly contribute to this form of abuse by sharing their unused pain relievers with their family members.

**Taking a drug in a higher quantity or in another manner than prescribed.** Most prescription drugs are dispensed orally in

tablets, but abusers sometimes crush the tablets and snort or inject the powder. This hastens the entry of the drug into the bloodstream and the brain and amplifies its effects.

**Taking a drug for another purpose than prescribed.** All of the drug types mentioned can produce pleasurable effects at sufficient quantities, so taking them for the purpose of getting high is one of the main reasons people abuse them. ADHD drugs like Adderall are also often abused by students

seeking to improve their academic performance. However, although they may boost alertness, there is little evidence they improve cognitive functioning for those without a medical condition.



Most teenagers who abuse prescription drugs are given them for free by a friend or relative.

Source: <http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/prescription-over-counter-medications>



April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 April Fool's Day	2	3 Yu-Can Garage Sale 8-1 in Middle School Gym	4 Yu-Can Garage Sale 8-1 p.m.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Canadian County Coalition @ 12 at Youth and Family	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 SPF-SIG @ 12 at Red Rock BHS	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

# Canadian County Prescription Drop Box Locations

## Red Rock BHS

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Yukon, OK 73099  
Phone: 405-354-1928  
Cell: 405-250-9696

### Canadian County Sheriff's Office

208 West Rodgers  
El Reno, Oklahoma 73036  
405-422-3187

### Mustang Police Department

650 E. State Highway 152  
Mustang, Oklahoma 73064  
405-376-2488

### Yukon Police Department

100 S. Ranchwood Blvd.  
Yukon, Oklahoma 73099  
405-354-1711

### Piedmont Police Department

400 Edmond Road NW  
Piedmont, Oklahoma 73078  
405-373-1334



Dispose un-used or expired prescription drugs safely and anonymously!

## Top five stolen/lost medications in Oklahoma for 2013

### 1. Hydrocodone:

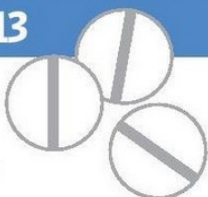
95,417 tablets

2. Alprazolam: 25,361 tablets\*

3. Oxycodone: 16,996 tablets

4. Promethazine with codeine: 11,744 milliliters\*\*

5. Morphine sulfate: 3,817 tablets



## Top five stolen/lost medications in Oklahoma for 2014



### 1. Hydrocodone:

56,890 tablets

2. Oxycodone: 27,809 tablets

3. Alprazolam: 22,416 tablets

4. Promethazine with codeine:

5,125 milliliters

5. Tramadol: 2,004 tablets

\*Alprazolam is the generic form of Xanax, a powerful anti-anxiety medication often prescribed with opiate painkillers such as hydrocodone or oxycodone.

\*\*Promethazine with codeine, a syrup, is the active ingredient in the popular street concoction dubbed "purple drank." The syrup, which goes by many names on the street, became popularized when many Southern hip-hop artists, including several from the Houston area, openly talked about the mixture in songs and mixtapes.

SOURCE: OKLAHOMA STATE PHARMACY BOARD

### Helpful Websites:

- ⇒ [www.RedRockRPC.com](http://www.RedRockRPC.com)
- ⇒ [www.Drugfree.org](http://www.Drugfree.org)
- ⇒ [www.Ok.gov/odmhas](http://www.Ok.gov/odmhas)
- ⇒ [www.ok.gov/obnnd](http://www.ok.gov/obnnd)
- ⇒ <http://takeasprescribed.org/>
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