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Safe Disposal of Unused or Expired Prescription Medicines

Prescription drug abuse is Oklahoma's fastest growing drug problem and in 2012, Oklahoma had the fifth highest unintentional poisoning death rate in the nation (18.6 deaths per 100,000 population). Of the nearly 3,900 unintentional poisoning deaths in Oklahoma from 2007-2012, four out of five involved at least one prescription drug.\*

One way to be a part of the solution is disposing of prescription drugs properly. Many people have prescriptions that are expired or unused and because of the increase in prescription drug abuse it is important to safely dispose of those medicines. Medicine take-back programs are a good way to remove expired, unused or unwanted medicines from the home. The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBNDD) has many drop off boxes for people to securely and safely dispose of any unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs. The following locations in Grady County are at:

- **Chickasha Police Department**  
**2001 W. Iowa Ave.**  
**Chickasha, Oklahoma 73018**  
**405-222-6050**  
or  
**Grady County Sheriff's Office**  
**302 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**  
**Chickasha, Oklahoma 73018**  
**405-222-1000**

To locate a drop box in or near other towns, please visit the OBNDD website at <https://portal.obn.ok.gov/takeback/default.aspx>.

For more information on the growing prescription drug abuse problem in Oklahoma, please visit [www.takeasprescribed.org](http://www.takeasprescribed.org) or contact the PFS Coordinator. Red Rock PFS's Mission is to promote the appropriate use of prescription drugs by educating the community on the dangers of the non-medical use of prescription drugs and encouraging proper disposal of prescription drugs in Grady County. Red Rock PFS is funded through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. For more information on Red Rock SPF PFS please contact Julia Cochran at 405-422-8872 or visit [www.redrockrpc.com](http://www.redrockrpc.com).

*\*<http://takeasprescribed.org/the-problem/>*