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Keep your medications safely stored and locked this holiday season

The Red Rock PFS (Partnership for Success) Program would like the community of Grady County to be aware of the importance of safely storing your medications during the holiday season.

According to the Oklahoma's Take as Prescribed website, in 2015, enough opioid pills were prescribed in Oklahoma for every adult to have 100 pills. Safeguarding prescription medicine properly is easy once you know what to do, and it's important for the health and safety of your family and others who come into your home.

If medicine is not stored properly, there can be serious consequences:

- The medicine may get into the wrong hands if a family member or visitor takes it without your knowledge. They may use it incorrectly to try to treat a medical condition – or worse, they may abuse it.
- Heat, humidity, or changes in temperature may damage the medicine.¹
- Children or pets may be accidentally poisoned by ingesting easily accessible medicine.

Here some Do's and Don'ts of safely storing your prescriptions according to Safeguard My Meds:

- DO store medicines in a cool, dry place
- DO lock up medicines that are at risk for being abused-ask your pharmacist or other healthcare professional if the prescription medicine prescribed to you or a household member has abuse potential
- DO store medicines in original containers - the label on the bottle provides important information about the medicine such as who it is prescribed for and the date it was dispensed
- DO keep track of how many pills you have
- DO properly discard medicines that are no longer needed or expired
- DON'T leave medicines in places that are easily accessible to children

- DON'T repackage medicine in unmarked containers
- DON'T leave medicines that are at risk of being abused in plain sight or in places that aren't secure

If you would like to safely dispose your medication visit the following locations:

Grady County Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics Prescription Drop Box Locations

Chickasha Police Department

2001 W. Iowa Ave.

Chickasha, Oklahoma 73018

405-222-6050

Grady County Sheriff's Office

302 N. 3rd Street

Chickasha, Oklahoma 73018

405-222-1000

Or

Medsafe Medication Disposal Pharmacy Locations

Cedar Springs Pharmacy

5310 E. HWY 37

Tuttle, OK 73089

405-381-4425

Chickasha Clinic Pharmacy

2224 W. Iowa

Chickasha, OK 73018

405-224-4851

Grand Care Pharmacy

2103 W. Iowa

Chickasha, OK 73018

405-222-2273

Liberty Drug Pharmacy

315 Chickasha

Chickasha, OK 73018

405-224-1204

Red Rock PFS Program's primary focus is to serve as a prevention community liaison. Red Rock SPF-PFS educates and informs communities through multiple strategies including community based services, environmental strategies, early recognition, and referral. We take the proactive approach in reducing substance abuse among communities. The SPF-PFS project is funded by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), CSAP (Center for Substance Abuse Prevention) and the ODMHSAS. For more information please visit www.redrockrpc.com, or to find a disposal location near you visit [http:// Takeasprescribed.org](http://Takeasprescribed.org), or contact the Red Rock SPF-PFS Coordinator at (405)-422-8872.