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# Safely Dispose, Save a Life

**December 11, 2018** – The holiday season is a busy time, and Red Rock RPC team knows you don't want another thing to add to your to-do-list. But what if one more thing added to your to-do list could save a life? Dropping off your expired or leftover medicine is hassle-free and essential before your home is filled with guest who might have some holiday stress and want to reach for your medicine cabinet. Red Rock RPC encourages you to take the step and safely dispose your medicine.

The holiday's seasons is also a time filled with giving hugs, exchanging gifts, and spreading germs. It's an instinct to want to help your friends and family fight their virus and share your medicine. Keep in mind that sharing prescription medicine is illegal. Sharing your prescription medicine can put you or someone you know down a dark and dangerous road. Illegal prescription drug sharing/use can also can have some serious legal consequences. Possessing a dangerous controlled substance can either be a felony or misdemeanor, depending on substance. If the prescription medicine is categorized as a Schedule II drug it's automatically a felony on first offense. If the prescription medicine is a Schedule III, IV, or V medication it's a misdemeanor on the first offense and felony on following offenses.

Oklahoma leads the nation in non-medical use of pain medicine ([okimready.org](http://okimready.org)). Opioid dependence has been brought to a new light in the past decade. Situations regarding stealing or selling prescription medicine was not something many used to worry about, let alone think about. If you ever have questions or want to be better educated on the subject of opioids visit [okimready.org](http://okimready.org). The best way to avoid endangering your friends and family this season with your left over prescription medicine is to locate your nearest drop box. The two main drop box locations for your county are;

Canadian County Sheriff's office (Open 24/7)

Mustang Police Department (Open 24/7)

Piedmont Police Department (Open Monday-Friday: 8-5 Closed Holidays and Weekends)

Yukon Police Department (Open 24/7)

Walgreens has also taken action and added Safe Disposal Boxes to all of their locations. This gives individuals the convenience of being able to take old medicine and safely dispose it at the same location that the new medicine is picked up at.



Red Rock recommends that this task is one that you add to your Holiday to-do list. Safely dispose and potentially save a life.

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