

Prescription Medications: Keeping Your Kids Safe

Suggestions for dealing with prescription medications in the home



- Keep all pill bottles out-of-reach; put them in a medicine cabinet or on a high shelf
 - Secure pill bottles in a locked container, small safe or a locked file cabinet
 - Only refill as needed
 - Discard old and unused medication safely; check with your local pharmacy about their next Drug Take-Back day
 - The FDA has approved some medication to be flushed; to learn more go to the FDA's website: <http://1.usa.gov/dxbvvd>
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- Do not refer to your child's prescription pills as "candy" or "treats"
 - Talk with your pharmacist about any concerns you may have
 - Check with your health department, office supply or hardware store about the availability of lock boxes
 - Keep the National Poison Control Center number **1-800-222-1222** in a prominent place
 - If you suspect that someone has overdosed on their medication, call the National Poison Control Center or **9-1-1** immediately