

Prescription and Other Drug Disposal: A Tool to Prevent Overdose Death

Why dispose of unused drugs in pouches?

Using drug deactivation pouches to dispose of prescription and other drugs is better for the environment and helps to reduce the risk of:

- Drugs being taken by a child or other vulnerable person.
- Using the drug illicitly or dangerously.
- Using it to manufacture other drugs, some of which increase overdose deaths.

How does safe drug disposal with a pouch work?

- Follow the directions on the pouch. If used correctly, the substance will become unusable in the pouch.
- Throw the pouch away in the trash.

For information on where to get additional drug disposal pouches, call **1-814-449-3089** or email morton@upmc.edu.

Contact your local police department or hospital for information on safe drug disposal. For information on more locations for safe drug disposal, visit the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs website at ddap.pa.gov/DrugTakeBack.

If you or a loved one needs help with a substance use disorder, call one of the county programs below.

Erie County Office of Drug and Alcohol
1-814-451-6877

Crawford County Drug and Alcohol Executive Commission
1-814-724-4100

Venango County Substance Use Program
1-814-432-9100

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