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Re: Project Medicine Drop

Dear Sir/Madam:

The opioid epidemic is spreading. For this reason, the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General ("Office") requests your assistance in helping to educate your staff and clients about how to safely dispose of unwanted or expired prescription medications. Four out of five heroin addicts first become addicted via prescription opioid pain killers. Every day, 40 Americans die from an overdose caused by prescription drug pain killers, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. **And, as you may have heard, in some cases it is being spread during realtor open houses where prescription opioid pain killers are being diverted, i.e. stolen out of medicine cabinets.** In an effort to prevent unused prescription drugs from being stolen and abused, the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs developed Project Medicine Drop, a take-back program allowing consumers to dispose of unused and expired medications anonymously, seven days a week, 365 days a year, at prescription drug drop boxes located within police departments throughout the State of New Jersey.

Enclosed is a flyer about New Jersey's Project Medicine Drop initiative. The Office requests that you disseminate this flyer to your clients as well as discuss the importance of safe and secure medication storage and disposal. Copies of the enclosed flyer are available at <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop>.

Proper storage and disposal of these medications is essential in order to prevent them from getting into the wrong hands or into our water supply. As a licensed real estate agent and/or broker in the State of New Jersey, you are in a unique position to address this important issue and educate your clients about how to prevent prescription drug thefts during open houses. Please help us continue our efforts to reduce drug abuse and diversion in New Jersey by educating your clients as to how they may safely secure and dispose of their prescription medications through Project Medicine Drop as well as how they should lock up their medications while their homes are up for sale, especially during open houses. More information on Project Medicine Drop can be found at <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop>. Should you have any questions, please contact Amina Williams at williamsa@dca.lps.state.nj.us or at (973) 504-6263.

Sincerely,

Christopher S. Porrino
Attorney General

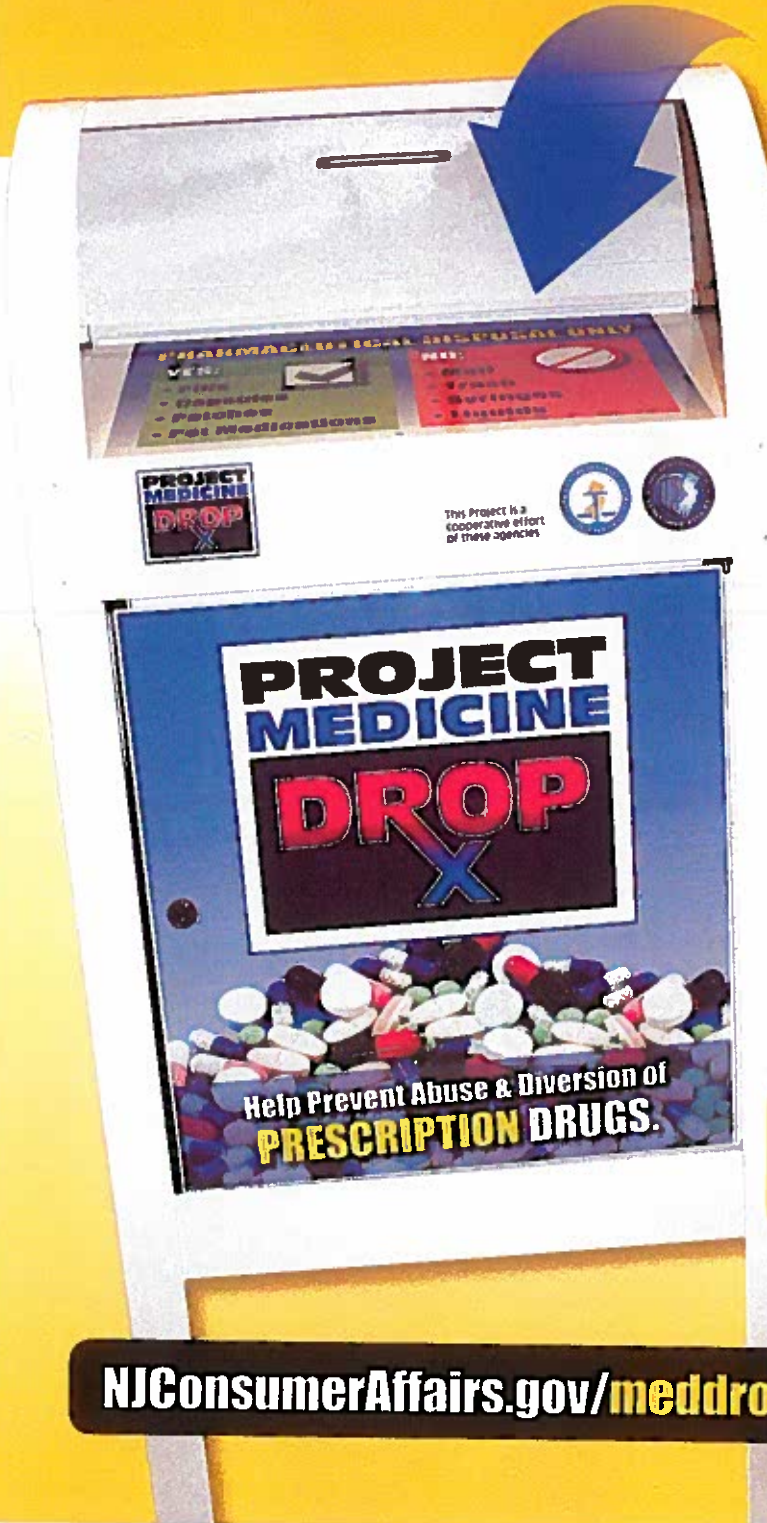
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WHAT DO I DO WITH MY UNUSED MEDICATION?

SAFE & SECURE
MEDICINE DISPOSAL

Drop it off!



Unused medications that remain in your medicine cabinet are susceptible to theft and misuse. To prevent medications from getting into the wrong hands, New Jersey's Office of the Attorney General and Division of Consumer Affairs urge you to properly dispose of your expired and unwanted prescription medicine at a nearby **Project Medicine Drop** location.

DROP OFF IS SIMPLE, ANONYMOUS AND AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY – 365 DAYS A YEAR, NO QUESTIONS ASKED. Simply bring in your prescription and over-the-counter medications and discard them in an environmentally safe manner. Always scratch out the identifying information on any medicine container you are discarding.

For a list of **Project Medicine Drop** locations, please visit NJConsumerAffairs.gov/meddrop

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