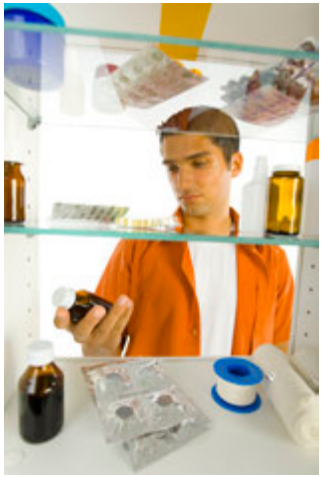
Manage Your Medications SAFELY

- Store medicines out of the reach of children or pets.
- Lock up medicines at risk for abuse in a cabinet, drawer, or medicine safe.



- Keep an updated inventory of all prescription medicine in your home.
- Pay close attention to unexpected changes in pill quantities.

Signs of Drug Abuse

The National Institute on Drug Abuse says symptoms for abuse vary, but in general look for: impulsive behavior, drowsiness, appetite loss, depression, agitation, confusion, restlessness.

If you suspect someone you know is abusing prescription medication, get help today.

Help for Rx Drug Abuse

The San Luis Obispo County Health Agency Service provides education, prevention, treatment and counseling services to San Luis Obispo County residents struggling with Rx addiction. For more information, call

805-781-4275 or log onto:
http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/health/DAS_Home.htm

For More Information about San Luis Obispo Counties FREE Pharmacy Medicine Take-Back contact the:

San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority
805-782-8530
or email: iwma@iwma.com

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FREE
Pharmacy Medicine
TAKE-BACK

A program for San Luis Obispo County residents to safely dispose of unwanted household medications.
NO BUSINESSES PLEASE

Don't Flush or Trash….

Proper disposal of unwanted medication is safer for our community and the environment.

Wastewater treatment facilities are not designed to remove medications, so these materials pass untreated into our water systems. Medications thrown into the trash can be retrieved by individuals, pets, and wildlife resulting in accidental poisonings.

Who Can Use This Program?

Any resident of San Luis Obispo County may dispose of their unwanted medication through their pharmacy's program. Business and health care professionals **CANNOT** use this program.

Ask Your Pharmacist for FREE Unwanted Medication Disposal Options

Starting September 1, 2015, all pharmacies in San Luis Obispo County will have a kiosk for unwanted medication disposal or offer you a ***FREE*** pre-paid mail-back envelope for your unwanted medications.

What's Home Generated Medication?

Prescription drugs, including lotions and ointments used for home medical care.

What Items are NOT accepted?

No sharps (the pharmacy has a separate program for needles), no illegal drugs, no thermometers, no medicines from businesses and no non-prescription personal care products such as shampoo, soap, lotions, etc.

How Do You Use the Mail Back Envelope?

When you pick up your prescription, the pharmacy will offer you a ***FREE*** prepaid, preaddressed envelope which you can use to mail unwanted medicine off for safe disposal. You can also ask your pharmacist for an envelope if you previously purchased the unwanted medication from them.

How Do You Use the In Store Kiosk?

Place your home generated medicine in the kiosk. You may want to place all unwanted pills in a small plastic bag. Then, bring that bag into the pharmacy and place it in the kiosk.