

# Keeping Medications Secure

## Prescription Drug Abuse is on the Rise

- 48% of all emergency room visits for prescription drug abuse are by young people ages 12-20.
- 70% of children who abuse prescription drugs got them from family and friends.
- Many teens believe that prescription drugs are safer than “street drugs” like cocaine and heroin.



## Help Prevent Over-the-Counter (OTC) & Prescription Drug Abuse. Here's how—

- Talk to your teen about the dangers of OTC and prescription drug misuse and abuse.
- Know what meds are in your home and dispose of expired and unused drugs.



- Lock your meds in a secure area in your home.
- Dispose of medications properly.

For more information, ask your pharmacist or contact the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) at (860) 713-6073 or visit our website at [www.ct.gov/dcp/pmp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp/pmp).



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