

Safety Spotlight

Store Then Dispose Medicines

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Medications whether prescribed or over-the-counter, serve an important purpose, however they can also pose a danger if it gets in the wrong hands. Statistics show that almost every minute of every day there is a call to poison control due to a child getting into unsecured medicines. Let's work together to reduce these incidents by properly storing medications and then disposing of medications when they are no longer needed or expired.

First Store Safely

Store all prescriptions, OTC medicines, vitamins and supplements up high and out of sight.

Look at products within reach of a child. Diaper creams, eye drops, scented lotions can still be harmful if ingested or if rubbed in eyes.

Keep medicines in its original child resistant packings.

Be mindful of the places kids can get into medicines ~ purses, nightstands, cabinets, etc.

Add the Poison Control number to your phone and post it visibly in your home.

Then Dispose Properly

Clean your cabinets frequently to reduce the risk of kids getting medications.

Utilize the Southlake Police Department Secure Medicine Disposal Program.



Items Accepted

Prescriptions, medications, medication samples, EPI-pens with caps, prescription patches, expired OTC pills, prescription ointments, pet medications

Items Not Accepted

Inhalers, needles, drugs from medical facilities, hydrogen peroxide, thermometers, catheters, aerosol cans, OTC lotions/ointments

Where Can You Dispose Your Medications?

Southlake Police Department
600 State Street
Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm



FAST FACT

300+ pounds were incinerated through the Southlake Secure Medicine Disposal Program in 2017!

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