



*“More than 70% of people that abused prescription pain relievers got them from friends or relatives, while approximately 5% got them from a drug dealer or over the internet.”*

- Office on National Drug Control Policy

**Be Aware, Do Not Share.**

A REMINDER FROM YOUR SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
COMMUNITY PHARMACY DURING NATIONAL MEDICINE  
ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH:

**THIS MEDICATION WAS PRESCRIBED FOR  
YOU, PLEASE HANDLE IT RESPONSIBLY.**

**Monitor:** Take Inventory. Count your medications from the pharmacist and keep track of them as you use them.

**Secure:** Lock up medications in a drawer, cabinet or lock box.

**Dispose of Properly:** Never dispose of medication in the trash, sink or toilet. Take unused medications to a convenient take-back location. The Sharp Solutions for Home Medicines Program in Santa Cruz county offers take-back programs at many pharmacies, medical clinics, police stations and household hazardous waste facilities.

For locations, visit [www.sharpmedsolutions.org](http://www.sharpmedsolutions.org) or call [831.454.2160](tel:831.454.2160).

More information and resources about prescription drug abuse and misuse can be found at: [www.ncapda.org](http://www.ncapda.org), [www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov).

To learn more, provide feedback or to join us in reducing Rx drug abuse and misuse, check out our web page at [www.communitypreventionpartners.com](http://www.communitypreventionpartners.com) or “like” us on facebook.



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EFFORTS FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY**