

Dorchester Goes Purple

Dorchester County Health Department Purple Thursdays



Did you know?

Using a prescription drug not prescribed to you or not as prescribed, such as higher doses or more often, is considered misuse.

24.8 % of Dorchester youth have misused prescription opioids.

Proper Storage of Medicines: Always store medicine in a safe, secure location that is not accessible to children or visitors in your home. Keep medication locked up. It is typical to put them in the bathroom cabinet, but this is the most likely place people will look for them.

In addition, if your child gets painkillers after an injury or dental procedure, control and monitor the pills. Talk with your kids about the dangers of misusing prescription opioids. Remember, you can never be too safe or speak too soon.

Proper Disposal of Medicines: When medications, including prescription and over-the-counter, are no longer needed, it is imperative that they are disposed of properly. At each law enforcement agency in Dorchester County, you will find a "Med Return Box" (locations listed below) that is available 24/7 for the public to anonymously drop off unused medications (please no sharps/needles), no questions asked.

Cambridge Police Dept.

8 Washington St., Cambridge

Box location: outside

Hurlock Police Dept.

200 Neilson St., Hurlock

Box location: inside

Dorchester Sheriff's Office

829 Fieldcrest Rd., Cambridge

Box location: inside



Deterra bags, which can be purchased online or at the store, are an alternative method for safe drug disposal. These are at-home kits that involve dumping medication into the bag, adding water, sealing the bag and shaking the contents to deactivate the medication. There is no harm if ingested and is then safe to throw in the trash.

In support of Dorchester Goes Purple, DCHD is participating in Purple Thursdays to raise awareness about the dangers of substance misuse, break the stigma of addiction, and encourage positive decision-making to get through life's challenges.