



**Drug Free
Community Coalition**

A community alliance working toward a healthy, substance-free environment for youth.

Press Release/Calendar Item

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Local Prescription Drug Take Back Slated April 29

Clean out your medicine cabinet, gathering any expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs and over the counter (OTC) medicines. On April 29, nationwide US Drug Enforcement Agency public take back events offer the opportunity to return these dangerous items for proper destruction.

Local NCDP Drug Free Community Coalition spring take backs are in collaboration with local public service facilities. From **11 am until 1 pm**, the public is invited to return prescription and over the counter drugs to **Pinetop-Lakeside Police Station**, 1360 N. Niels Hansen Ln., Lakeside; and in Show Low, **Show Low Police Station**, 150 N. 6th St., and **Summit Healthcare** main entrance, 2200 Show Low Lake Rd.

Overdoses and deaths from prescription drug abuse now exceed US teen deaths from all other illicit drugs combined. The average first age of teens abusing prescription drugs is 12 years old. On average, 12 percent of 8th, 10th and 12th graders in Navajo County have abused prescription drugs, according to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission 2014 Arizona Youth Survey for Navajo County.

And where are youth getting their prescription drugs? While more than 19 percent get them from the medicine cabinet in their own home, 53 percent get them from friends—who inevitably get them from their home medicine cabinet.

If you are unable to drop your medications during this event, you may do so 24/7/365 at the Show Low Police Department. If you wish to dispose of them at home, **do not** flush them down the toilet. Crush or pour them into used coffee grounds, used kitty litter or other unpleasant rubbish, bag and toss them into the trash.

For additional information, go to www.ncdp.rocks

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Mission Statement:

Engaging the community to respond to substance abuse issues by implementing strategies that transform community attitudes, perceptions and policies