

“Operation Medicine Drop” in the Sandhills Next Week

Between March 14th and 20th there will be numerous locations throughout the Sandhills Region accepting unused and outdated prescriptions. **Operation Medicine Drop** is a program administered by **Safe Kids North Carolina** and the **NC Department of Insurance**. To find a location near you, click on this [link](#).



We were able to find locations in the following counties of the Sandhills and Middle Cape Fear region:

- Cumberland – 3/15 & 3/19
- Harnett – 3/17
- Hoke – 3/19
- Lee – 3/16
- Montgomery – 3/16
- Moore – 3/15 thru 3/20
- Robeson – 3/15 & 3/17
- Scotland – 3/16 & 3/17

This statewide prescription medication take-back program prevents accidental poisonings, abuse, and improper disposal of these substances.

Did you know???

Since 1999 , nearly 4,500 people in North Carolina have died of prescription drug poisoning.

In North Carolina in 2008, unintentional poisoning was second to only motor vehicle crashes as the cause of unintentional injury and death among children?

Among people 35 to 54 years old, unintentional poisoning caused more deaths than motor vehicle crashes nationwide and in North Carolina.

Our water supply is also threatened by the way that people often dispose of their unused or outdated prescriptions. When you flush those medications down the toilet you might be unintentionally contaminating our water supply.

If you would like to have a positive impact on your community, gather up your unused and outdated prescriptions, find a location nearby, and participate in **Operation Medicine Drop!**