

SECURE MEDICINE RETURN IN KING COUNTY

NEW PROGRAM PROVIDED BY PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS UNDER COUNTY REGULATION

Communities throughout King County have new and more convenient options for safe disposal of leftover medicines to help prevent medicine abuse, poisonings, and overdoses, and to reduce pharmaceutical pollution.

More than 80 convenient and secure medicine drop boxes are now available at participating drug stores, grocery stores, clinics, hospitals, and at some police stations throughout King County.

All medicines used in the home are accepted, including controlled substances. Free of charge.

The FDA, DEA, EPA, and local agencies recommend take-back programs as the best method for medicine disposal.



Grocery Store Pharmacy

Clinic Pharmacy

Police Station

Pre-paid return mailers are also available for homebound or differentially-abled residents at King County libraries and other distribution sites, or by request online or by calling 1-844-633-7765.

MED-Project operates this program on behalf of **over 400 drug manufacturers sharing the program costs** as required by the King County Board of Health's Secure Medicine Return regulation. Snohomish, Kitsap, and Pierce counties are implementing similar regulations during 2017.

The MED-Project program meets the county regulation's standards, and is **compliant with the DEA's Rule and other federal and state laws on secure and safe handling and disposal of pharmaceuticals.**

Pharmacies, hospitals, and law enforcement agencies contribute by volunteering to host a secure drop box that is serviced by MED-Project. Additional pharmacies and law enforcement can join the manufacturers' MED-Project program.

FIND SECURE DROP BOX LOCATIONS & LEARN MORE AT MEDICINERETURN.ORG

The WA Secure Drug Take-back Bill will ensure that all Washington residents have access to a secure medicine return program.

SHB 1047 will create a statewide medicine take-back system that is secure, convenient, and well-promoted based on the successful models of local Secure Medicine Return regulations.

Drug manufacturers - the companies that produce, prepare and package drugs – pay for and operate the program, controlling their own funds. The **estimated statewide program cost is only about 0.1% of annual medicine sales** in Washington State of \$5.7 billion.

Pharmacies, clinics, hospitals, and law enforcement provide in-kind support by hosting DEA authorized secure drop boxes. Collected medicines are securely transported and safely destroyed at properly permitted incineration facilities.

Learn more about SHB 1047 at <http://bit.ly/SecureMedTakeBack> or call 206-499-5452.