



Operation Medicine Drop

Safe Kids North Carolina along with law enforcement agencies across North Carolina, State Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Administration are sponsoring a statewide prescription medication take-back program called Operation Medicine Drop to prevent accidental poisonings and abuse. During National Poison Prevention Week, March 14–20, we are holding a statewide Operation Medicine Drop blitz where many agencies across the state will hold take-back medicine events.

SKNC in conjunction with our partners have developed a toolkit that outlines how to set up an Operation Medicine Drop take-back program. This toolkit, along with other resources, can be downloaded from the SKNC Web site, www.ncsafekids.org, by clicking on the Operation Medicine Drop icon. In addition, you will find media materials to publicize local events on February 15, 2010.

If your agency would like to hold an Operation Medicine Drop take-back event during the Poison Prevention Week statewide blitz, you must complete the following:

- **Complete the Operation Medicine Drop Blitz Event form by February 20, 2010** — Make sure to include the date, time and location of event(s), as well as complete contact information for the person coordinating the event. Once SKNC receives your form, we will mail promotional posters and educational materials for you to customize for your locations.
- **Partner with a Law Enforcement Agency and complete the DEA Authorization Letter** — The partnering law enforcement agency will need to complete authorization letter and return the original to Safe Kids North Carolina State Office. You must also send a copy to Special Agent in Charge James Bowman, SBI Diversion and Special Operations Unit. This letter must be on file in order to participate in the statewide program.
- **Deliver medicines collected to SBI Field Office** — At the conclusion of the event, the partnering law enforcement should deliver the medications collected at the take-back event to a local SBI Field Offices. For a list of local field offices, visit: <http://www.ncdoj.gov/getdoc/0c18e7c4-4310-4f66-8a4c-96a4e48c3111/SBI-District-Offices.aspx>.

The SBI will dispose of all collected medicine; the disposal schedule will be posted on the SBI site: <http://www.ncdoj.gov/About-DOJ/State-Bureau-of-Investigation/Special-Operations.aspx>. If delivery to SBI and/or the SBI disposal schedule do not correspond with your event, the partnering law enforcement agency may dispose of the collected medicines according to its own policy.