

Pharmacies play a key role in safe medication storage.

Research shows that Washington residents know they should lock up their opioid prescriptions, but only 26% actually do. Pharmacies participating in Washington State Health Care Authority's Pharmacy Safe Storage Program can help change that.

How it Works

The program is based on the social marketing principle that making a personal commitment can affect positive behavior change. By asking patients to make a simple pledge, pharmacies can play a key role in safe medication storage. Participating pharmacies:

- Talk with patients receiving opioid prescriptions about safe medication storage.
- Ask patients to pledge to lock up their medication.
- Provide patients locking devices (at no cost to the patient or pharmacy).



99 pharmacies have participated since 2020.

9,166
PEOPLE

have talked with a pharmacist about safe storage.

3,728
PLEDGES

have been made to lock up medications.

4,101
LOCKING DEVICES

have been distributed to patients with opioid prescriptions.

Get Involved

Pharmacies in Washington that participate in this free four-month program receive:

- A supply of free medication locking devices to provide to patients who receive opioid prescriptions.
- Promotional materials including posters, informational rack cards, ready-to-use social media posts, and pledge forms.
- Promotion of your pharmacy's involvement within your market area through media relations and social media.
- Trainings and ongoing support to ensure a straightforward and smooth implementation of the program.

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