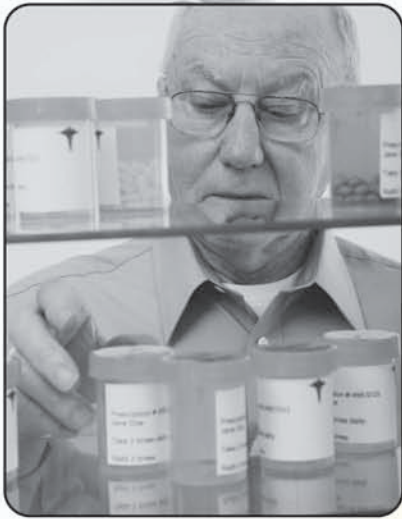


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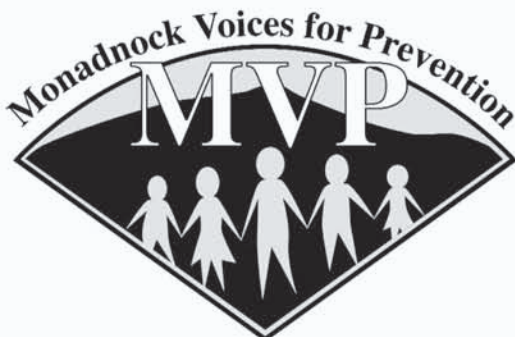
SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL IN THE MONADNOCK REGION & NH

Medications are vital to the health and well-being of many people; however, access and availability of unused medications is a growing concern in the Monadnock Region and throughout the nation due to: 1) rising misuse of certain prescription and over-the-counter medications leading to injury and addiction, especially among youth; 2) the presence of pharmaceuticals in our water supply even after it has been treated; and 3) high rates of accidental poisonings from medications, especially among children and pets.



Older adults may be
at risk for victimization.

- ◆ Older adults make up only 13% of the population, but fill one-third of all prescriptions. A large percentage of older adults take multiple prescription medicines as well as over the counter medications and dietary supplements. Changes in metabolism with age and drug interactions make this population susceptible to medicine misuse, dependence, and addiction.
- ◆ Diversion and theft of prescription medicine is currently at very high levels. Older adults may be particularly at risk for victimization due to the often high quantity of medicines kept in the home.



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