



TN Drug Diversion Task Force

The statewide task force was originated to be a strategic planning and policy making task force for its stakeholders. Its goal is to shine light on the growing problem of prescription drug diversion and create a group of people dedicated to the prevention, regulation, detection, investigation and prosecution of prescription drug diversion.

Mission Statement

To prevent the illegal distribution, abuse or unintended use of prescription drugs in Tennessee through awareness, training, and networking with law enforcement, regulatory agencies, healthcare providers and the private sector.

Reasons for Involvement

Unintended Use

Poisoning

Water Pollution

Diversion to other users

Why is TDEC Involved?

- Determine disposal best-management guidance
- Engage in dialogue about pharmaceuticals in the environment

The Problem

- Common and growing use of pharmaceuticals in the general population
- Households have left over medications
- Confusing information about proper disposal

What are we going to do?

- Partner with local law enforcement, county government, Department of Health and TDEC
- Two Approaches for Collection:
 - Utilize Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Permanent facilities (Off-Site)
 - Utilize HHW spring and fall One-day county events
- Roles of Partners:
 - Law Enforcement will decide what are controlled substances and catalog and dispose of per federal regulations
 - All other non controlled substance, thermometers etc. will be taken to the local county government HHW site for proper disposal by Solid Waste Staff
 - Department of Health will dispose of sharps

Goals of Partnership

- Gather data showing pharmaceutical disposal needs
- Transition to more frequent collection opportunities
- Develop long-term strategy for integrated approach

To report criminal activity
related to prescription drug diversion call:

1-877-FOR-RXTN

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