**Tips for Safely Storing and Disposing of Medicines**

**FACT:** Last year unintentional poisonings killed more Dane County residents than automobile crashes. Misuse or abuse of prescription, over-the-counter or illicit drugs are the major cause. Opioid pain medication, when misused, can be fatal.

You can help protect yourself, your family and our community by taking these simple steps:

**Use Only as Directed**
- See “A Patient’s Guide to Opioid Medication Safety” for instructions on safe use of these pain medicines.

**Store Your Medicines Safely – Lock them up!**
- Store medicines away from family and friends.
- Lock up your medicines – purchase a medicine lock box or use a tackle box and padlock to safely secure your medicines and prevent theft and misuse.
- Visit FDA.gov and upandaway.org for more information on safe storage of medicines.

**Safely Dispose of Medications**
- Get rid of expired and unused medicine – don’t keep it around “just in case.”
- Do not flush medicine! Take unwanted medicine to a Safe Communities MedDrop box.

**Safe Communities MedDrop Boxes**
- Cambridge Police Department - 200 South Spring Street, (608) 423-4328
- Deerfield Police Department - 7 West Deerfield Street, (608) 764-5626
- Fitchburg Police Department - 5520 Lacy Road, (608) 270-4300
- Madison Police East District - 809 South Thompson Drive, (608) 266-4887
- Madison Police West District - 1710 McKenna Boulevard, (608) 243-0500
- Mazomanie Police Department - 133 Crescent Street, (608) 767-2762
- McFarland Police Department - 5915 Milwaukee Street, (608) 838-3151
- Middleton Police Department - 7341 Donna Drive, (608) 824-7300
- Oregon Police Department - 383 Park Street, (608) 835-3111
- Sun Prairie Police Department - 300 E. Main Street, (608) 837-7336
- UW Police Department - 1429 Monroe Street, Madison, (608) 264-2677
- Waunakee Police Department - 205 N. Klein Drive, (608) 849-4523

For hours and directions, visit [http://www.safercommunity.net/meddrop.php](http://www.safercommunity.net/meddrop.php) or call the Police Department listed above.

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*Safe Communities is a nonprofit coalition that builds partnerships to SAVE LIVES, prevent injuries and make our community safer.*