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Washington Poison Center announces a newly updated Takebackyourmeds.org website

Washington Poison Center assumed stewardship of the statewide medication return website on October 5, 2016

SEATTLE, NOVEMBER 28, 2016 - The Washington Poison Center (WAPC) announced that it is now the owner and curator of the statewide medication return website, <http://www.takebackyourmeds.org/> and its social media pages. In an effort to increase awareness and expand its use across Washington State, the WAPC will incorporate Take Back Your Meds into existing statewide education outreach programs and harm reduction efforts and oversee the sites future stewardship and growth.

Currently, pharmaceutical substances account for about half of all exposure calls to the Washington Poison Center, and poisoning/overdose remains the number one cause of unintentional death in Washington state and in the U.S.. "Handling over 35,000 drug cases annually and employing two full time public health educators based in Seattle and Spokane, the Take Back Your Meds program aligns with our mission to reduce the harm caused by poisonings. It is reinforced by existing programs, services, and education outreach WAPC delivers statewide to people of all ages," said Washington Poison Center's Medical & Executive Director, Dr. Erica Liebelt.

Since taking ownership of the page, the WAPC has updated the website content to include an interactive map of take back locations allowing Washingtonians to quickly locate medication return sites near them. This map also differentiates between locations that accept controlled and non-controlled substances. In addition, the site includes tips on safe storage and disposal.

Visit <http://www.takebackyourmeds.org/> to view website updates and read the full press release.

Coming soon! A new medicine disposal program will be available to all King County residents starting January 17, 2017. To be notified when these locations open click [here](#)



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About the Washington Poison Center

The Washington Poison Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, prevents harm from poisonings by being the primary resource for poison treatment, education and prevention. Reachable 24/7, the national poison hotline: 1-800-222-1222 will connect you to specially-trained nurses, pharmacists and poison specialists in your local area. Poison help is always free and confidential. Services are available for people with hearing difficulties and in 160 languages.



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