

Fond du Lac School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

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Prescription medication misuse and abuse is occurring with our youth. Students are being expelled and suspended for selling or sharing prescription or over-the-counter medications in Fond du Lac County schools. It is unfortunate for a student to lose their education because of a poor choice.

Fond du Lac County 2013 statistics show that 1 out of every 16* (8th, 10th & 11th graders surveyed) reported they used prescription drugs not prescribed to them, at least once in the 12 months preceding the survey. Abuse and misuse of prescription and over-the-counter medication is not safer than abuse of street or illegal drugs! As parents and guardians, we must continue to look for ways to keep our children safe.

Current research now shows abuse of prescription pain relievers (such as Vicodin, Hydrocodone, Oxycodone, etc.) increases a person's risk of future heroin use, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA).

Drug Free Communities of Fond du Lac County's "Prescription for a Safe Community" initiative educates community members about prescription medication safety.

Please discuss the following important safety guidelines regarding medications with your children:

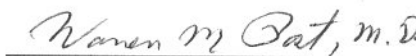
- **IT IS ILLEGAL & DANGEROUS TO SHARE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION**, even with family members! As parents/guardians we need to educate ourselves and our children about the dangers of sharing medications including possible severe health concerns, legal concerns, and a negative impact on our children's' education.
- **SECURITY!** Keep all medications in a locked and protected area; out of sight and reach of children and visitors. Continue to monitor this security by regularly noting the number of pills in the prescription.
- **PROPER DISPOSAL!** Periodically go through your medications. Remove prescription medications that are old, expired, or you no longer take. Do not flush or throw away your medications! Utilize your community drug drop disposal site for safe removal of medication from your home.

Fond du Lac County has six Drug Drop locations *open throughout the year* for disposal of no longer needed medications (Drug Drop locations, hours of operation and protocol for disposal are on the back of this letter).

Help keep your children and home safe, and reduce the availability of prescription medication for misuse by removing and properly disposing of your old and expired medications!



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* 2013 Fond du Lac County Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug and Health Experience Survey



The mission of the Fond du Lac School District, in partnership with the family and the community, is to promote high achievement and foster the continuous growth of the whole child, so that each becomes a creative, contributing citizen in a global society by providing personalized learning opportunities in a safe, nurturing environment.

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Drug Drop Locations

Fond du Lac County

City of Fond du Lac Police Department

126 N. Main Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
(920) 322-3700

Located in the Parking Lot

Open: 24 hours/7 days a week

Ripon Police Department

100 E. Jackson St.
Ripon, WI 54971
(920) 748-2888

Located in the Police Department Entrance

Open: 24 hours/7 days a week

Campbellsport Police Department

177 E. Main Street
Campbellsport, WI 53010
(920) 533-5391

Located in the Village Hall Lobby

Open: Monday – Friday (7:30am-4:00pm)

Waupun Police Department

16 E. Main Street
Waupun, WI 53963
(920) 324-7903

Located in the Police Department Lobby

Open: Monday – Friday (8:00am-4:00pm)

North Fond du Lac Police Department

16 Garfield Street
North Fond du Lac, WI 54937
(920) 929-3760

Located in the Police Department Lobby

Open: Monday – Friday (8:00am-4:30pm)

Oakfield Police Department/Village Office

130 N. Main St.
Oakfield, WI 53065
(920) 517-1570

Located in the Village Office Lobby

Open: M, W, F (8:00am-7:00pm)

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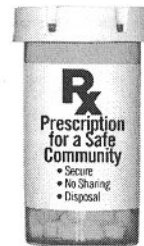
You **CAN** bring:

- Prescription Medication
- Over-the-Counter Medication

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of Fond du Lac County**

You **CANNOT** bring:

- Illegal Drugs
- Needles/Sharps
- Any Biohazardous Material



www.drugfreefdl.com

PROTOCOL

Remove pills from original container & place in a sealed “ziplock” style bag before placing in Prescription Drug Drop Box. Empty pill bottles may be disposed of in your home recycling.

Liquid medications should remain in original bottles.

Remember

- Secure your medications and know who has access to your medicine cabinet
- It is a criminal offense to share prescription medication; even with a family member
- Use local disposal drop off sites instead of flushing or throwing medication away

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