

PRESCRIPTION FOR DANGER

DROP OFF UNUSED MEDICATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 29 10am—2pm

Properly Dispose Of
Unused and Expired
Medications on
September 29,
10am-2pm!

**Alexandria Police
Headquarters**
**3600 Wheeler
Avenue**

Del Ray Pharmacy
**2204 Mt Vernon
Avenue**

SIGNS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

- Changes in mood or attitudes
- Changes in sleeping habits
- Curfew violations
- Drug paraphernalia
- Lack of personal grooming
- Loss of appetite
- Low energy
- Missing work/school
- Slurred speech
- Unexplained weight loss/weight gain

Suspect Problems?
Call 1-800-662-HELP (4357)



DO YOU KNOW?

- Many people believe prescription drugs are safer than illegal drugs because a doctor prescribed them—they're not.
- More people die accidentally from prescription drugs each year than all types of illegal drugs combined.
- Combining pain killers and/or anti-anxiety drugs with alcohol multiplies the effect--your heart or breathing can stop.
- Drug-induced deaths now exceed deaths from motor vehicle accidents in more than 17 states.
- Most kids who abuse prescription drugs report they get them from their home medicine cabinets or from friends.

SYMPTOMS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG OVERDOSE

Symptoms Vary Widely By Drug But May Include:

- Abnormal pupil size
- Agitation
- Convulsions
- Delusional or paranoid behavior
- Difficulty breathing
- Drowsiness
- Hallucinations
- Nausea and vomiting
- Non-reactive pupils
- Staggering or unsteady gait
- Sweating or extremely dry, hot skin
- Tremors
- Unconsciousness
- Violent or aggressive behavior

Suspect Overdose? Call 911



Go to <http://www.ondcp.gov/prescriptiondrugs/>

Spread the Word . . . One Pill Can Kill