



Staten Island has the highest rate of prescription pill abuse by 7-12th graders in NYC.



Don't let your medicine cabinet be the source of their next high.

HOW TO SAFEGUARD & DISPOSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS



Keep medications in a secure location, such as a lock box.



Dispose of medications as close to your trash collection day as possible to avoid misuse and/or misdirection.



DO NOT flush unused medications.



Damage medications (liquids and pills) by adding water and then salt, ashes, dirt, cat litter, coffee grounds, or other undesirable substance, to avoid accidental or intentional misuse of drugs.



DO NOT conceal discarded medications in food to prevent consumption by scavenging humans, pets or wildlife.



Conceal all medications in an outer container, such as a sealable bag to prevent discovery and removal from the trash. Seal the container with strong tape. Remember to remove all labels before discarding medications.



Play it safe and get rid of unused and expired medications!

Learn more at www.sipcw.org



Tackling Youth Substance Abuse

A Project of the Staten Island Partnership for Community Wellness

TYSA is a coalition of people and organizations who have come together for the sole purpose of decreasing youth substance abuse on Staten Island. It is a dynamic partnership of both private and non-profit organizations; city and state government agencies; philanthropists; parents, teachers and teens, many who have been working to combat alcohol and drug abuse for years.

IF YOU, A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND ARE STRUGGLING WITH ISSUES RELATED TO DRUG OR ALCOHOL ABUSE, HELP IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY.



HELPLINES

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NYC LIFENET • 1-800-LIFENET



HELPFUL LINKS

www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov
www.drugfree.org/prevent
www.oasas.ny.gov

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