

# PRESCRIPTION FOR DANGER



Drop-off your unwanted medications  
**Saturday**  
**January 6, 2018**  
**10:00AM-2:00PM**

**PROPERLY DISPOSE OF UNWANTED MEDICATIONS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

**Alexandria Police Headquarters**  
3600 Wheeler Avenue

**First Baptist Church**  
2923 King St

**Alexandria Fire Station 210**  
5255 Eisenhower Ave

**The Neighborhood Pharmacy of Del Ray**  
2204 Mt Vernon Avenue

## **SYMPTOMS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE**

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

## **DID 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 or anti-anxiety drugs with alcohol multiplies the effect—your heart or your 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.
- Proper disposal of unwanted medication prevents environmental contamination of our waterways and soils.

## **SYMPTOMS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG OVERDOSE**

- Abnormal pupil size
- Agitation
- Convulsions
- 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 Problems?**  
**Call 1-800-662-HELP (4357)**

**Suspect an Overdose? Call 911**



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