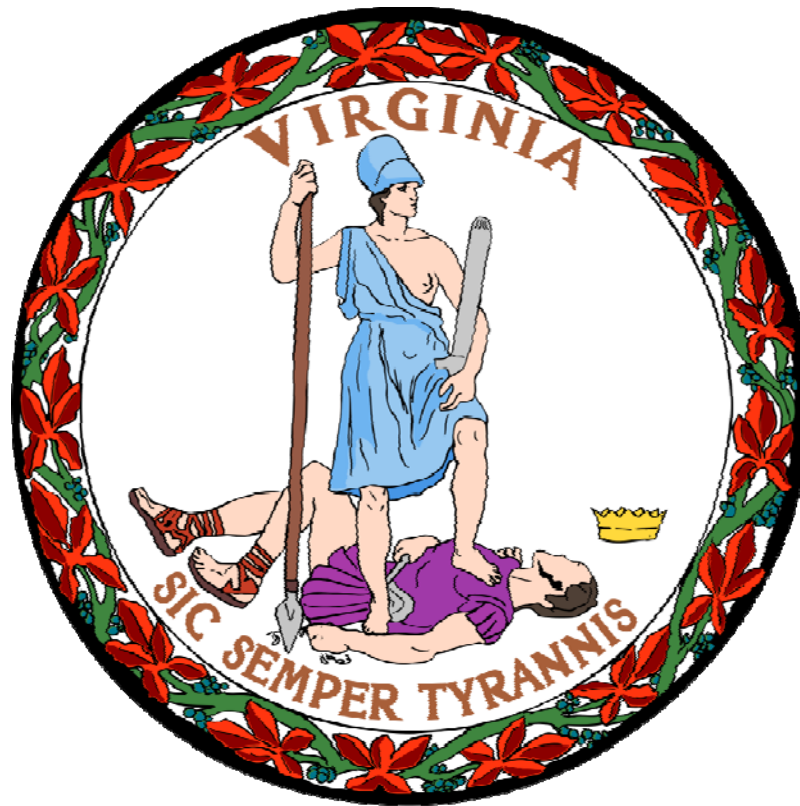


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Storage & Disposal Workgroup Recommendations

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***Task:** “To advance effective solutions that lead to safe storage and proper disposal of potentially dangerous prescription drugs.”*



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- 1) To increase disposal opportunities via drug take-back events within the community.
 - a) Law enforcement (LE) awareness:
 - VSA, VSP, VACP sponsored/assisted events
 - Website on abuse, disposal locator, service gaps
 - Disposal best practice guide for LE
 - Presentations by LE & community coalitions to share experiences



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- 1) To increase disposal opportunities via drug take-back events within the community.
- b) Organization awareness:
 - Info for health care providers on patient disposal & take back education
 - Promotion & marketing of abuse education, disposal methods, & take-back events



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1) To increase disposal opportunities via drug take-back events within the community.

c) Public awareness:

- Info for families on drug abuse education, disposal methods, & take-back events
- Online resource page for info on drug abuse & proper disposal methods- includes social media components



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- 1) To increase disposal opportunities via drug take-back events within the community.
- d) Public Alerts for disposal & take-back events:
 - Include “take-back locator” into webpage
 - Encourage LE, community coalitions, etc. to post events
 - Notify the media of upcoming events



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- 1) To increase disposal opportunities via drug take-back events within the community.
- d) Identify financial assistance opportunities:
 - Identify organizations, businesses, etc. to subsidize all or part of take-back and/or disposal costs
 - Offer Governor recognition to financial assistance providers



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- 1) To increase disposal opportunities via drug take-back events within the community.
- e) Review & Update the OAG's 'Take Back Event' document
- f) Explore the feasibility of mobile incinerators



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- 2) To increase disposal opportunities via drug take-back events within the law enforcement agencies.
 - a) Increase number of LE agencies participating as drug collection sites
 - Explore group purchasing rate of drop-boxes
 - Identify LE currently using drop-boxes & determine best practices/ costs & disseminate information



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- 3) To increase disposal opportunities via mail back programs & collection boxes provided by pharmacies.
 - a) Determine State's need to promulgate federal rules regarding pharmacy collection & mail back programs via legal guidance



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- 3) To increase disposal opportunities via mail back programs & collection boxes provided by pharmacies.
 - b) Increase pharmacy collection & mail back participation
 - Determine process for receiving, transferring, and disposing of drugs
 - **Identify potential security concerns for collection sites/ patients and mitigating risks**



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- 4) Determine preferred methods for disposing of unwanted/needed drugs.
 - a) Determine federal rule impact of existing drug disposal/take-back programs
 - Develop guidance to assist localities on various disposal methods for consumer disposal



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Short Term Action Items:

- Increase awareness and provide information on securing drugs in the home.
- Develop best practices for providing info to citizens about storage of prescription drugs and encourage LE, pharmacies, doctors, etc. to promote proper storage and disposal



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Short Term Action Items:

- Encourage LE to apply CVS and other drug stores for disposal boxes



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Legislative Items:

- Require Hospice to notify pharmacies and Medicaid about the death of a patient.



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Workgroup Referrals:

- Education Workgroup
 - Education for Doctors on how to prescribe medication in proper doses to limit excess quantities of prescribed drugs.



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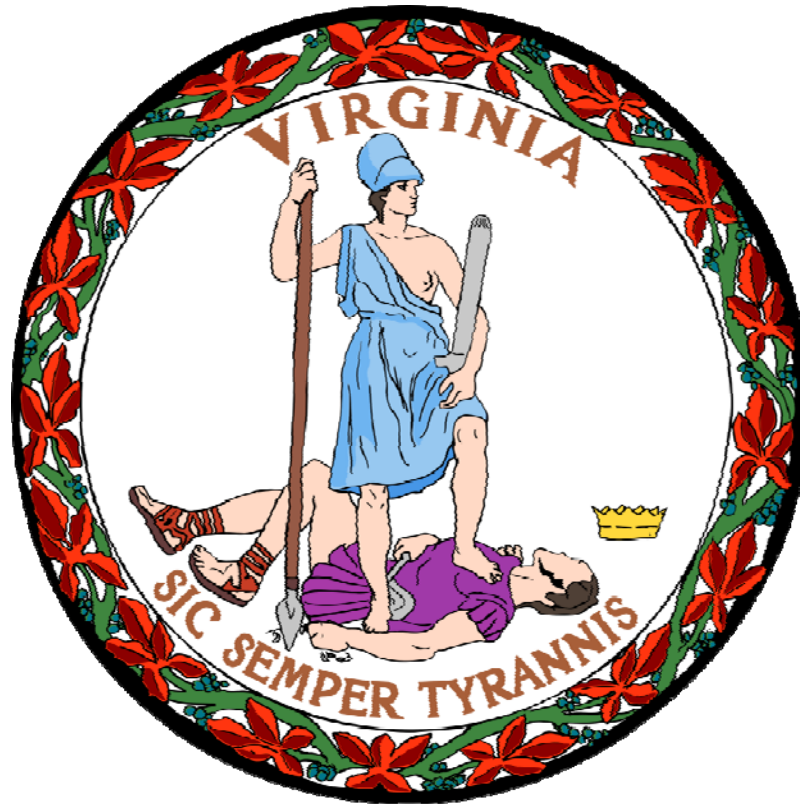
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