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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Coming Up on October 26

SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO – On Saturday, October 26, South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and community partners all over the health district to host a local Drug Take Back Day collection event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the following locations:

- **Twin Falls: Fred Meyer Parking Lot (705 Blue Lakes Blvd N)**

Community Partners: Treatment and Recovery Center (TARC) and the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office

- **Kimberly: Kimberly-Hansen Police Department (242 Highway 30)**

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- **Gooding: The Walker Center (605 11th Ave E)**

Community Partners: The Walker Center and the Gooding County Sheriff's Office

- **Jerome: Walmart Parking Lot (2680 S Lincoln Ave)**

Community Partners: The Jerome County Sheriff's Office

- **Hailey: Hailey Police Department (311 Cedar St E)**

Community Partners: Hailey Police Department

- **Heyburn: Heyburn Police Department (1800 J St)**

Community Partners: The Heyburn Police Department and the Community Coalitions of Idaho

In 2023, over 2.5 million controlled substance prescriptions were dispensed in Idaho state alone. When left in a medicine cabinet, thrown away or flushed, unused prescriptions can be dangerous to people, animals, or the environment. Last year, deadly overdoses in Idaho hit a state record of 386 lives lost. Drug disposal is one of the most effective ways to prevent potential prescription misuse and/or overdose. Health Education Specialist

Eli Thompson states, “It only takes a few minutes to help protect those you care about by disposing of unused prescriptions.”

All prescription drugs will be accepted, as well as over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and veterinary medications. Take Back drop-off locations will also accept vape pens, cartridges, or other e-cigarette devices (without the batteries in the device). **Needles will not be accepted.**

Help keep our community safe and healthy by dropping off your old medication on Saturday, October 26.

If you miss your local Take Back Day and need to dispose of prescription medications, find year-round drop off locations online at: odp.idaho.gov/prescription-drug-take-back-program

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