



# Press Release

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### CVS Donates Medication Disposal Unit to KPD

**Kilgore, TX** – Kilgore Citizens now have a safe way to dispose of unwanted prescription medication. CVS/pharmacy, as part of their partnership with Drugfree.org, has donated a Medication Disposal Unit to the Kilgore Police Department. The Medication Disposal Unit has been installed in the front lobby of the police department and is now ready for use.

Many times addiction starts at a medicine cabinet, so let's work together to keep unwanted medications from falling into the hands of those who would abuse them. Over half of teens abusing prescription medication get them from family or friends and this includes the home medicine cabinet. Medication in the home is also the leading cause of accidental poisoning. Each year in the United States, more than 71,000 children aged 18 and younger are seen in emergency rooms for unintentional overdoses of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

KPD recommends everyone take full advantage of this opportunity to make Kilgore a safe place for all those we care for. Bring your unwanted or expired prescription medication and drop them in the unit. It's the safest and most responsible way to dispose of medication.

The unit will accept prescriptions, prescription patches, prescription medications, prescription ointments, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, samples and medication for pets. The unit will not accept needles, inhalers, aerosol cans, liquids, lotions, thermometers.

We are grateful and thank CVS/pharmacy for its generous donation to help our community prevent prescription drug abuse. The CVS/pharmacy Medication Disposal for Safer Communities Program is part of the Company's on-going commitment to combat prescription drug abuse. For more information on this program, visit [www.cvs.com/safercommunities](http://www.cvs.com/safercommunities).

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