



# SUNRISE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Medication or Prescription Drug Collection Program

*“Take back programs are the best way to dispose of old drugs.”*

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Do you know you have the opportunity to do something good for your community as well as improving the safety and well-being for your family, friends and relatives?

**Your medicines should be disposed of properly like other household hazardous wastes.**

Bring **all** of your over-the-counter prescriptions and vitamins to the Sunrise Public Safety Building (First Floor Lobby), 10440 West Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise.

Acceptable Items include:

- Prescription medications
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Sample medications

Non-Acceptable Items include:

- Illegal drugs
- Needles/Sharps
- Thermometers
- Bio-hazardous waste

You can then deposit all of these items anonymously inside the steel mailbox style drop box during regular operating hours.

### **Facts About Unwanted Prescription Drugs**

**FACT:** Throwing medicines in the garbage is not safe - especially for controlled substances like Oxycodone narcotics and other highly addictive and dangerous drugs - because the drugs can be found and used by others, even if they are mixed with undesirable materials like coffee grounds or kitty litter. Prescription drug abuse is the fastest-growing drug problem in the country. Prevent drug theft and abuse by using a medicine take-back program to dispose of your unwanted medicines.

**FACT:** When you have medicines that are expired or unwanted, use the **City of Sunrise Medication or Prescription Drug Collection Program**— it’s the safest way to dispose of unused medication. Just visit us at Sunrise Public Safety Building reception area during operating hours and drop off these items at the convenient medication drop box anonymously.

**FACT:** The FDA encourages the use of medicine take-back programs. Flushing of the most dangerous drugs is advised “only when they cannot be disposed of through a take-back program” because it is too risky to throw these drugs into unsecure trash cans.