

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

# COLLECTION SITE EVENT PLANNING TOOLKIT & PROMOTIONAL GUIDE

The 21st National Take Back Day is

OCTOBER 23, 2021 | 10 AM TO 2 PM

The Office of Drug Policy is providing this toolkit to help local partners plan Take Back events in their communities.



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This document is not intended to take the place of local, state, or federal laws or guidelines. This is a general guide to assist in the planning and management of an event.



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#### THE PROBLEM WITH UNUSED MEDICATION

In 2019, an estimated **60,000 Idahoans ages 12 and up misused prescription pain relievers**, and an estimated **16.3 million Americans misused psychotherapeutic drugs** (including prescription stimulants, tranquilizers, sedatives, and pain relievers) nationally.<sup>1</sup>

In 2019, over **14% of Idaho 9th-12th graders** reported taking prescription pain medication without a doctor's prescription or differently than how a doctor told them to use it one or more times in their life. <sup>2</sup>

While a majority of youth did not report misusing prescription drugs, of those that did: 3

- Over **70**% misused pain relievers such as hydrocodone or oxycodone and 35% misused depressants such as Xanax and valium.
- Over 41% took or received them from a family member or friend.
- Over 60% misused the medication in their own home.

## ORGANIZE OR SUPPORT A TAKE BACK DAY EVENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

The next National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is **Saturday**, **October 23rd**, **2021 from 10am-2pm**.

The Office of Drug Policy is encouraging local organizations across the state to coordinate and/or promote Take Back Day events in their communities to help Idahoans properly dispose of expired or unused prescription medications and prevent prescription drug misuse in our state.

This Take Back Day Event Toolkit will walk you through all of the steps to organize a collection site event in your community and provide you with the materials you'll need to make your event a success!



#### WHY ORGANIZE OR SUPPORT A TAKE BACK DAY EVENT?

**PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY** for your community to conveniently and securely dispose of unused prescription medications.

**RAISE AWARENESS** about the prescription drug misuse in Idaho, the importance of properly disposing of leftover medications, and local year-round collection sites.

IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY, COLLABORATIVELY. Take Back events provide a great opportunity for community coalitions, organizations, schools, & prevention providers to join together to make a difference in their local community.

<sup>1.</sup> National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2017 and 2018. SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality,

<sup>2.</sup> Idaho Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2019 State Report. Idaho State Dept. of Education, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<sup>3.</sup> Idaho Healthy Youth Survey, 2019 State Report. Idaho Office of Drug Policy.

#### WHAT ODP IS PROVIDING:



- Assist you and your community partners in organizing and running a successful Take Back Day collection site event;
- Provide recommendations that can be adapted and customized to fit your local community and your local law enforcement agency partners;
- Equip you with additional information and guidance from the DEA (www.takebackday.dea.gov)
- Provide promotional tools in English and Spanish including:
  - Poster
  - Flyer
  - Print Ad
  - Radio Spot
  - Press Release
  - Talking Points
  - News Article
  - o Social Media Content, Promotion Plan, and How-To Guide
  - Event Signage

#### **OUR 2021 GOALS**

Between October 2016 & October 2020, the total weight of drugs collected at National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Collection Site events across Idaho increased by 89%.

In October 2020, the 20th National Take Back Day, we aimed to help our partners organize at least 47 Take Back Day collection site events statewide and collect at least 6,752 pounds of medication - overall there were **42 collection site events** and a total of **10,526 lbs.** of drugs collected across Idaho - a state record!

For the 21st National Take Back Day on October 23, 2021, our goals are to:

- Organize at least 47 Take Back Day collection site events across Idaho a 10% increase from 2020.
- Match our state record and collect 10,526 lbs. of drugs statewide.

**INCREASING TURNOUT, TOGETHER** 



#### **PLANNING STEPS**



#### STEP 1: CONTACT LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Required Partner: Local Law Enforcement

Law enforcement (LE) must be present to take custody of controlled medications. The DEA requires that at least one LE officer be at any Take Back Day event. Call or send a written request to your local law enforcement seeking their participation.

 A full list of Idaho Police and Sheriff Departments can be found at www.isp.idaho.gov/police-links/

Your local LE may already be planning a Take Back Day Collection Site Event and might not have capacity to provide officers to assist with a separate event. If so, ask if you can partner with the LE agency to promote & support their event by spreading awareness and contribute volunteers AND you can share that:

**LE Overtime Funding Available**: if needed, ODP can provide funding for up to 6 hours of overtime per officer per Take Back Day Collection Site event to allow for more events to take place in communities across Idaho.



YOU CANNOT HOST AN EVENT WITHOUT A LE PARTNER PRESENT. NO OTHER PLANNING STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL LE PARTICIPATION AND PARTNERSHIP HAS BEEN CONFIRMED.

Recommended Partners: Once you've secured a partnership with local LE, consider partnering with local organizations for support, sponsorship, and volunteers. Potential partners include, but are not limited to: City and Community Leadership, Hospitals, Pharmacies, Local Health Clinics, Substance Abuse Treatment Centers, Senior Citizen Centers, Drug-Free Community Coalitions, Schools, Faith-Based Organizations, Libraries.



#### STEP 2: SECURE A LOCATION

To allow for COVID-19 safety precautions, your event should be set up for low-contact collection, enabling participants to drive-up and drop off items without getting out of their car. As an event organizer, you are responsible for obtaining the correct permissions for your venue location and coordinating safety precautions. According to DEA protocols, collection sites are NOT allowed to be held INSIDE pharmacies/drug stores. They can be right outside the doors or in the parking lot, but not in the building.

#### **Location Tips:**

- Choose a neutral, well known, easily accessible location with free parking (consider weather for outdoor sites).
- Think long-term using the same location for each subsequent event will increase participation over time.
- To help with event awareness, secure a site in an area that has a lot of foot or car traffic - e.g.: parking lots of churches, malls, pharmacies, schools, community parks, etc.





#### **PLANNING STEPS**



#### **STEP 3: REGISTER YOUR EVENT**

**Community Organizations:** Once you have confirmed your LE partners and secured your location, register the event with the DEA by:

1. Filling out the DEA Event Registration Form on page 9 (can also be found at <a href="https://www.odp.idaho.gov/take-back-day">www.odp.idaho.gov/take-back-day</a>).

#### **Registration Form FAQs:**

- You **DO** need to request boxes
- You DO NOT need to request DEA posters unless desired. Posters can be viewed at <u>www.takebackday.dea.gov/partnership-toolbox</u>
- Method of Disposal: FedEx Shipping Labels are REQUIRED
- 2. Submit registration form via email to: DI Jeff Roberts
  - DEA.ID.NTBI@USDOJ.GOV
  - o 986-200-1470

**Local Law Enforcement:** If a LE agency is organizing an event, they register with the DEA at: www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\_disposal/index.html



#### **STEP 4: PLAN YOUR EVENT**

Preparation should ideally begin 30 days before the event.

#### **Collection Process and Eligible Items**

- Review the DEA Take Back Initiative Protocols on page 10.
- Make a plan that allows participants to drive-up & drop off items with limited contact and without needing to get out of their car.
- Work with your local LE partner to determine what items will be accepted for collection. Eligible items include:
  - Over-the-Counter Medications, Veterinary Medications, Vitamins, and Supplements
  - Vape Pens, Cartridges, and E-Cigarette Devices (without batteries)
  - Sharps and needles cannot be accepted

Materials - Identify, order, and begin gathering collection site materials:

- The DEA will provide necessary supplies (Take Back Day boxes and liners) for registered events at no cost.
- Collection site supplies e.g. tables, chairs, etc. (see pg. 5).
- Educational handout resources and materials (see pg. 5).

**Volunteers** - Identify potential volunteer roles and begin outreach and recruitment. Depending on the size of your community and location, between 5 to 10 volunteers are recommended to help the event run smoothly. Potential volunteer roles include:

- Promotion Distribute fliers and help advertise in advance.
- Event Day Set up & tear down, direct traffic, greet participants, hand out informational materials, answer questions, etc.

## STEP 4 CONTINUED: SITE SET-UP SUPPLIES AND EDUCATIONAL HANDOUT MATERIALS

When planning your event, consider the materials and supplies you may need.

#### **Potential Site Materials and Supplies**

- Tables and chairs
- Tents and canopies
- Traffic cones
- Caution tape (to define restricted areas)
- Signage to direct participants

#### **Potential Educational Handout Materials and Resources**

It may be beneficial to provide educational handouts to Take Back Day participants to inform them about permanent Take Back locations and drop boxes in your area.

• Educational Opioid Handouts and Permanent Take Back Location Rack Cards. You can order <u>free</u> ODP opioid misuse prevention materials in English & Spanish at <a href="https://radarcart.boisestate.edu/library/product-category/drug-education-2/opioids/speak-out-opt-out-throw-out-campaign/">https://radarcart.boisestate.edu/library/product-category/drug-education-2/opioids/speak-out-opt-out-throw-out-campaign/</a>

Examples of handout materials to order include:

- Public health district-specific permanent take back location rack cards
- Brief opioid knowledge test rack cards
- Prescription opioid brochure
- Opioid handout card



- **Drug Deactivation and Disposal Systems**. In addition to information about permanent Take Back locations, it may be beneficial to handout at-home drug deactivation systems to provide participants with a convenient, at-home disposal option especially in rural areas with limited access to permanent drop boxes.
  - Potential options include <u>Deterra</u> and <u>TakeAway</u>
  - More information on product wholesale costs and order placement instructions can be found at <u>www.odp.idaho.gov/take-back-day</u>





#### Additionally, you may need these supplies for medication collection:

- Packing tape to secure boxes
- Scissors
- Permanent markers to blackout information on prescription bottles (not required but you may encounter this request)
- Pencils and pens, clipboards, notepads or paper
- Hand sanitizer, protective gloves and masks



Communities should follow the suggested guidance of their health districts regarding COVID-19 safety precautions. All volunteers are encouraged to wear PPE for the duration of the events.



#### **PLANNING STEPS**



#### **STEP 5: PROMOTE YOUR EVENT**

Begin promoting your event as soon as your event registration is confirmed, you've worked with your LE partner to identify which items will be collected, and you've outlined a drive-through/drop-off plan.

Take full advantage of the print, press, and social media templates provided in the **Promotional Materials** section of the Toolkit (pg. 12).

- Customize the flyers, posters, press release, and print ad to your local event don't forget to add your logo!
- Review the Social Media Plan & How-To Guide (pg. 17) for tips and content. Create a Facebook event, select pre-written posts, customize the content, and preschedule posts in your social media accounts.

When promoting your event we encourage organizers to do intentional outreach to the priority populations listed below. These populations are highlighted because they have higher rates of opioid prescriptions, are disproportionately impacted by opioid misuse, or experience barriers in receiving communication and/or connecting with informational and support resources.

- Idahoans aged 55-75 years old
- Rural Idahoans

- Native American communities
- Hispanic/Latino communities

#### STEP 6: ACTIVATE YOUR EVENT FOR A SUCCESSFUL TAKE BACK DAY



#### **Volunteer Training and Assignments**

We recommend organizing a virtual meeting, conference call, or email with all event volunteers the week prior to April 24 outlining the following:

- Review event schedule and collection plan, safety precautions (masks, gloves, etc.), proper attire (comfortable shoes, weather-appropriate clothing, etc.), recommend bringing water and snacks.
- Confirm volunteer roles and assignments.

#### Site Set-Up, Participant Engagement, and Handout Distribution

- Ensure Take Back Boxes and Liners provided by the DEA are assembled.
- Consider the optimal traffic flow for drive-through drop-offs.
- Ensure proper signage and table configuration for seamless drop-off.
- Have educational handouts and resources ready for distribution.
- Take pictures of the collection site and volunteers (not participants).
- Answer questions and distribute materials to people attending the event.
- Record the number of vehicles that drive-through for disposal.

Your Law Enforcement partner is responsible for all of the collected materials at the end of the event.





#### **PLANNING STEPS**



#### STEP 7: WRAP UP YOUR EVENT

Legally, law enforcement are the only people who can be in possession of the collected medications as they contain controlled substances - so your law Enforcement partner is responsible for securely and properly removing and disposing of the collected materials after the event.

- Thank your volunteers and partners!
  - Send cards to event partners & volunteers thanking them for their involvement. Downloadable thank you card templates available (pg. 21).
- Share the impact!
  - Inform event partners and the community about the success of the event. (Like pounds collected, # of cars that dropped off meds, # of collection boxes filled, etc.)
  - Develop a press release for local media sharing your outcomes.
  - Post on your Facebook event homepage and social media accounts.
     See the Social Media Plan & Suggested Timeline on pg. 17.



#### STEP 8: COMPLETE THE EVALUATION SURVEY

The Survey can be found at www.odp.idaho.gov/take-back-day

The survey is an opportunity to provide ODP feedback on your event and help us learn how to improve our Take Back Day planning and promotional resources. Ouestions will include:

- How many vehicles drove through your event?
- How many pounds of materials were collected at your event?
- How do you feel your event went?
- What you would change for your next event?
- What resources would've been helpful that you didn't receive?



#### **QUESTIONS?**

For Take Back Day event planning support and questions, contact **Jessie.Dexter@odp.idaho.gov** 

#### TAKE BACK DAY EVENT PLANNING CHECKLIST



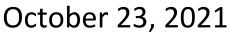
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Establish Law Enforcement partnership (see pg. 3)	
<ul> <li> Identify potential community partners &amp; event volunteers (see pg. 3)</li> <li> Secure event location and consider collection process (see pg. 3)</li> <li> Register your event - fill out registration form &amp; submit to DEA (see pg. 4)</li> <li> Work with LE partner to determine eligible collection items (see pg. 4)</li> <li> Identify &amp; gather needed supplies for site set-up and collection (see pg. 5)</li> <li> Identify &amp; order informational handout materials (see pg. 5)</li> </ul>	
PROMOTE  Localize print and press templates for promotion (see pgs. 12-17)  Print Posters/Flyers for Distribution (see pgs. 13-14)  Create Facebook Event (see pg. 18)  Identify, localize, schedule social media posts (see pg. 17)  Distribute flyers and posters in the community  Localize & distribute press release, article, & other media (see pgs. 16-17)  Share radio PSA with local radio stations (see pg. 16)	
PREPARE  Secure all needed supplies and handout materials for Take Back Day ever  Connect and confirm with Law Enforcement partner  Organize pre-event volunteer meeting to review roles & responsibilities (so Assemble collection boxes and liners from the DEA	
EVENT DAY  Event Set-Up (Signs, Cones, Tables, Tents, etc.)  Handout informational materials and resources  Count vehicles and boxes of collected medication  Law Enforcement officer is responsible for all collected materials at end of the collected materials.  Event site tear down and clean up	of event
WRAP-UP	
Thank volunteers and partners, send thank you cards (see pg. 21)	

\_\_ Complete evaluation survey (see pg. 7)



## National Drug Take Back Initiative XXI





#### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGEN	ICY:			
ADDRESS:				
CITY, STATE, ZIP:		<del>-</del>		
POINT OF CONTACT:				
COLLECTION SITE:				
ADDRESS:				
CITY, STATE, ZIP:				
SUPPLY REQUEST				
<u>Do you need boxes?</u> YES	NO	Do you nee	ed posters? YES	NO
Method of Disposal: FedEx	ς Shipping Lak	oels No	ne	
Does your agency have a p	permanent pl	narmaceutic	al collection box?	YES NO
Comments: (Supply requests, date changes, sp	ecial circumstance	es, different ship	oing address for suppli	es, additional POC information, etc.)
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#### Take Back Initiative Protocols

- On Saturday, October 23, 2021 state and local law enforcement agencies in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), may host one or more collection sites at locations of their choosing. Locations should be selected that provide easy access and available parking.
  - Collection sites are <u>NOT</u> allowed to be held <u>INSIDE</u> pharmacies/drug stores. They
    can be right outside the doors or in the parking lot, but not in the building.
- Collection efforts may be combined with community drug awareness activities and involve
  the distribution of brochures and other information. In addition to the national and local
  media exposure being done by DEA, you are welcome and encouraged to publicize the
  take back day through your own agency's media contact protocol.
- Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substances may be collected. The general public is often unaware of this distinction in medication status.
- This program is anonymous and all efforts should be made to protect the anonymity of individuals disposing of medications. No questions or requests for identification should be made.
- Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into a disposal box. If an original container is submitted, the individual should be encouraged to remove any identifying information from the prescription label by either removing the label or utilizing a permanent marker.
- No effort should be made by law enforcement personnel to count, inventory, or log medications.
- All solid dosage pharmaceutical products and liquids in consumer containers may be accepted. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The depositor should ensure that the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage.
  - Intra-venous solutions, injectables, inhalers, syringes, chemotherapy medications,
     vaping devices that have batteries that cannot be removed, or medical waste <u>WILL NOT</u>

be accepted due to potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens and require special disposal.

- All participants must retain possession of their own medication during the surrender process, law enforcement personnel should not handle the medications at any time and should simply have participants either empty the medication into the disposal box and throw the container into a garbage bag or throw the entire container in the disposal box.
- A law enforcement officer must remain with the drug disposal box at all times. Collected
  pharmaceuticals should be handled as drug evidence with law enforcement custody to
  safe-guard the surrendered material.
- At the conclusion of the event, a law enforcement officer will seal the drug disposal boxes in accordance with your agency's policy and procedure.
- The drug collection boxes should then be returned to your police department and stored per your department's standard operating procedures for safe keeping and temporary storage, until they are turned over to DEA.
- By registering with DEA for this one day National Pharmaceutical Drug Take Back Day being held on October 23, 2021, no additional waiver letter is needed.

Thank you for your participation!

## PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

## A **HOW TO GUIDE** TO RAISE AWARNESS ABOUT YOUR EVENT!

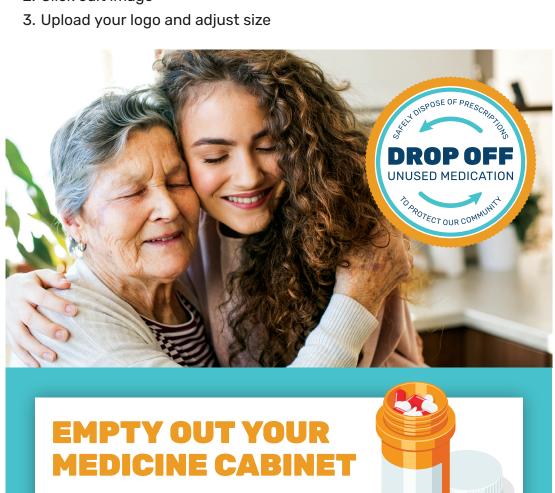
The templates in this document are EXAMPLES only. Please download and customise your files at this <u>LINK</u>.

Poster
Flyer
Print Ad
Radio Spot
Press Release
Talking Points
News Article
Social Media Plan & Posts
Event Signage

#### **POSTER**

Instructions to customize print materials:

- 1. Download the poster pdf
- 2. Add your event location
- 3. Replace black box with your organization's logo
  - 1. Right click on black box
  - 2. Click edit image



Help prevent the misuse of prescription medications in Idaho. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is an easy & safe way to dispose of unused and expired medications.



SATURDAY, **OCTOBER 23RD** 10AM - 2PM

**LOCATION** 

**FREE & EASY DRIVE-THRU DROP OFF!** 







#### **FLYER**

Instructions to customize print materials:

- 1. Download the flyer pdf
- 2. Add your event location
- 3. Replace black box with your organization's logo
  - 1. Right click on black box
  - 2. Click edit image
  - 3. Upload your logo and adjust size



## EMPTY OUT YOUR MEDICINE CABINET

Make your home and your community safer by disposing of unused and expired prescription drugs on National Prescription Drug Take Back Day with a free and easy drive-thru and drop off.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd 10 AM - 2 PM

**LOCATION** 

#### Protect the ones you love.

**DRUG MISUSE IN IDAHO** 

14%

of Idaho's youth
ported misusing of the
prescription pain
reliever.

41%

reported getting the meds from a friend or family member. <sup>2</sup>

60% reported using

eported using them in their TAKEBACK





High School Healthy Youth Behavior Survey, Idaha 2019 Results. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
2. Idaha Healthy Youth Survey 2019 State Report. Idaha Office of Drup Policy.

#### **PRINT AD**

Instructions to customize print materials:

- 1. Download the print ad pdf
- 2. Add your event location
- 3. Replace black box with your organization's logo
  - 1. Right click on black box
  - 2. Click edit image
  - 3. Upload your logo and adjust size



#### All materials can be downloaded here.

#### **PRESS RELEASE**

This prewritten press release article can be submitted to newspapers, magazines, or digital content publishers Follow the steps below when submitting a press release:

- Localize and customize your press release by replacing all the orange placeholder content
- 2. **Attach photos and logos** that are pertinent to the release. Stock photos and logos can be found in the Toolkit folder in "Images and Logos"
- 3. Identify contacts and email addresses to send the release to
- 4. Copy the content of the release into the body of the email and attach a pdf version
- 5. Use the headline of the release as the subject line of the email
- 6. **Send the release** and follow-up with a call to ensure receipt and ask other information is needed

#### **TALKING POINTS**

The talking points could be useful if you are interviewed by news media or if your volunteers want background information if they are asked specific questions. This document **shouldn't be given out, but instead, used as a resource** in answering questions.

#### **NEWS ARTICLE**

This pre-written news article can be submitted to newspapers, magazines, or digital content publishers Follow these steps when submitting an article:

- Localize and customize your article by replacing all the orange placeholder content
- 2. Find contact information for editors and journalists
- 3. **Call the editors and journalists** to let them know that you have an article to submit that you think they would have interested in publishing as it pertains to prevention of misuse of prescription drugs
- 4. Send them the article with photos attached that can make publishing easy and streamlined. Stock photos can be found in the Toolkit folder labeled "Images and Logos"

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA PLAN**

Many successful events rely heavily on a robust social media plan to promote and activate events. The toolkit has a variety of art, images, and copy that can be utilized to promote your Take Back event. Key social tools should include Facebook and Instagram. Some key suggestions and instructions for social media promotional planning and implementation are laid out in the **social media how to guide**. Open the guide and follow the steps.

The pre-written posts are available for you to use and are designated with orange customizable text. Images are also provided to accompany posts. Posts with images get more views and will help your event be more successful.

#### Example:

"Properly disposing of unused or expired medications prevents them from being found and misused by those you love. Drop off your old prescriptions this National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 23rd from 10am-2pm at LOCATION. A safe and easy way to protect your family and community."



#### Example:

"Expired or unused prescriptions are not one of them. Holding onto leftover medication increases the likelihood that it could be misused by someone you love. Get rid of the risk by disposing of unused or expired medications this National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 23rd from 10am – 2pm at LOCATION."



#### **SOCIAL MEDIA HOW TO GUIDE**

### HOW TO BUILD AN EFFECTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION

Many successful events rely heavily on a robust social media plan to raise awareness and increase engagement. The toolkit has a variety of art, images, and content that can be utilized to boost your Take Back Day event. Successful social media promotion should include Facebook and Instagram, the two most heavily used platforms. The suggestions below will help make you effectively use social media to generate enthusiasm for your event:

#### 1. BUILD A FACEBOOK EVENT CARD

- a. These "cards" are often shared on Facebook to promote events and allow people to select if they are interested or would like to attend. When they click on the options, Facebook will send them a notification close to the event as a reminder of being interested or planning to attend the event.
- b. From your page's news feed, select "Event"



- a. Fill in the event name, location, date, time, and description. If there are any sponsors/partners that you would like to include, add them under "Co-hosts" or tag them in the description by typing "@" followed by their page name.
- b. Select "Change Photo/Video" and upload the provided header named [Facebook Event Card Header] from the Toolkits Social Graphics.
- c. Select "Publish"
- d. If budget is available, boosting events is a great way to raise awareness. Select "Promote" under the "Events" tab, choose the "Reach More People" option. Boost the event for the desired budget and time-frame. We would recommend \$100 - \$400 during October 15-23rd (cut-off at 11:00 am). Costs may vary by location.

#### 2. UPDATE YOUR ORGANIZATION'S FACEBOOK PAGE HEADER

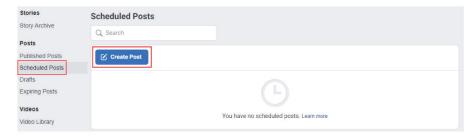
- a. Updating your organization page header will notify people that the organization has made a change. This is a good strategy to create awareness two three weeks prior to the event.
- b. From the page's newsfeed, hover over the camera in the top left corner of the header image, select "Upload Photo/Video" and choose the provided header image named [Facebook Page Header].

#### 3. POST CONTENT OFTEN

- a. Making regular content posts will help raise awareness and allow people to share the information about the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day with their friends and family. Ensure you are making content posts on Facebook Posts, Instagram Posts, and Instagram Stories multiple times in the 3 weeks leading into your event.
- b. Use the provided social media posts with suggested graphics to generate awareness and stay at the top of people's minds. Copy/paste the text, customize the location and times, and select "Publish"
- c. These can be scheduled through Facebook's publishing tools. Select "Publishing Tools" from the top of the page's newsfeed.



d. Select "Scheduled Posts" and then "Create Post"



- e. Upload the photos and copy/paste the provided copy
- f. Select "Schedule Post" and choose the desired date/time
- g. We recommend 2-3 posts per week during April to stay top-of-mind and provide information for those interested.

#### 4. BE ACTIVE ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT

- a. Post on social media once pre-event (in the morning on October 23rd), again mid-event (between 10am-12pm on October 23rd), and one last time post-event the next day (October 24th).
  - i. Pre-event (early morning time): Hype the event, provide details, instructions, location, general information
  - ii. Mid-event (10am-12pm): Share a clip of community partners or Law Enforcement at the event. Let fans know how much time they have left for drop-off during this LIVE or LOOK LIVE video post. Include volunteers and images/footage of sight setup or signage. Make sure you do not show people dropping off medication - Take Back Day is intended to provide participants with an anonymous way to properly dispose of prescriptions and other items.
  - iii. Post-event (Following Day, October 24th): Thank partners, sponsors, and community members who made the event a success.

#### **SUGGESTED TIMELINE**

#### » October 4:

Create Facebook Event

#### » October 5:

Take Back post #1

#### » October 10:

Take Back post #2

#### » October 12:

Take Back post #3

#### » October 13:

Change Facebook Event Cover Graphic

#### » October 15:

Take Back post #4

#### » October 18:

Take Back post #5

#### » October 20:

Take Back post #6

#### » October 22:

Take Back post #7

#### » October 23 - Early Morning:

Take Back post #8

#### » October 23 - 10:15 am:

Take Back post #9 - LIVE OR LOOK LIVE

#### » October 24:

Take Back post #10

#### **EVENT SIGNAGE**

Instructions to customize print materials:

- 1. Download the event banner and/or yard sign pdf(s)
- 2. Replace black box with your organization's logo
  - 1. Right click on black box
  - 2. Click edit image
  - 3. Upload your logo and adjust size

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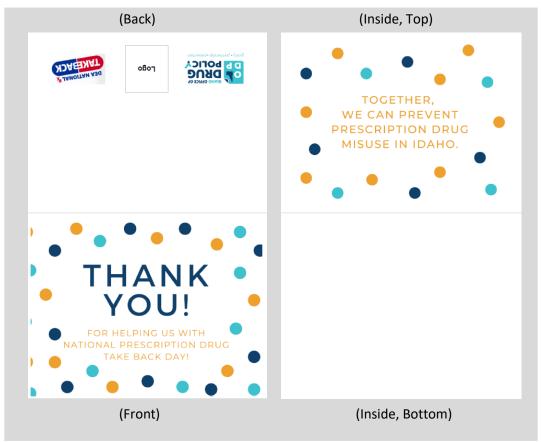


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#### **THANK YOU CARD TEMPLATES**

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