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Bruning Joins Nebraska MEDS Coalition to Announce Prescription Drug Take-Back Sites

National Prescription Take-Back Day is October 26, 2013

LINCOLN - Attorney General Jon Bruning today joined representatives from the Nebraska MEDS Coalition and Dillon's House founder David Hayes to announce collection sites for the Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day to be held Saturday, October 26, 2013.

"Parents, teachers and kids should know that prescription drugs are dangerous," said Hayes. "People need to get these medications out of their homes to reduce the risk of another life lost to prescription drug abuse."

On February 6, 2010, David's 15-year-old son Dillon Hayes died in his sleep from an unintentional drug overdose.

Each day, an estimated 2,500 teenagers use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. More than three out of four people who misuse prescription painkillers use drugs prescribed to someone else.

"We encourage Nebraskans to use this take-back event as a deadline to remove unused medication from their homes," said King.

This is the sixth take-back event organized by the Attorney General's Office. Past events have resulted in the collection and safe disposal of nearly 28,000 lbs. of unwanted drugs across the state, including more than 3,500 lbs. at sites coordinated by the Attorney General's Office and the NSP.

"No one wants their medicine cabinet to be the source of deadly experimentation," said Bruning. "To help avoid the dangerous consequences of prescription drug abuse, Nebraskans should dispose of unused medication before it gets into the wrong hands."

Attorney General Bruning also was joined at today's press conference by Marcia Mueting with the Nebraska Pharmacists Association and Major Russ Stancyk and Captain Mike Jahnke from the NSP.

National Take Back Day, October 26, 2013

The following locations will host collection sites coordinated by the Attorney General's Office and the NSP. For more information, visit ago.ne.gov.

Fremont

Fremont Area Medical Center
450 E. 23rd St.

Grand Island

St. Francis Medical Center
2620 W. Faidley

Columbus

Columbus Community Hospital
4600 38th St.

West Point

St Francis Memorial Hospital
430 N. Monitor St.

Lincoln

Lincoln Neighborhood Pharmacy
6811 O St.

More information can be found at the following websites:

www.ago.ne.gov

www.Dillonshouse.org

www.nebraskameds.org

www.nationaltakebackday.com

www.cdc.gov

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