

# Why Safe Medication Disposal Is Crucial for Public and Environmental Health and Safety

More than half of respondents have

**AT LEAST 1-3 BOTTLES**

of unused prescriptions in their medicine cabinets<sup>2</sup>



**2 OUT OF 3 TEENS**

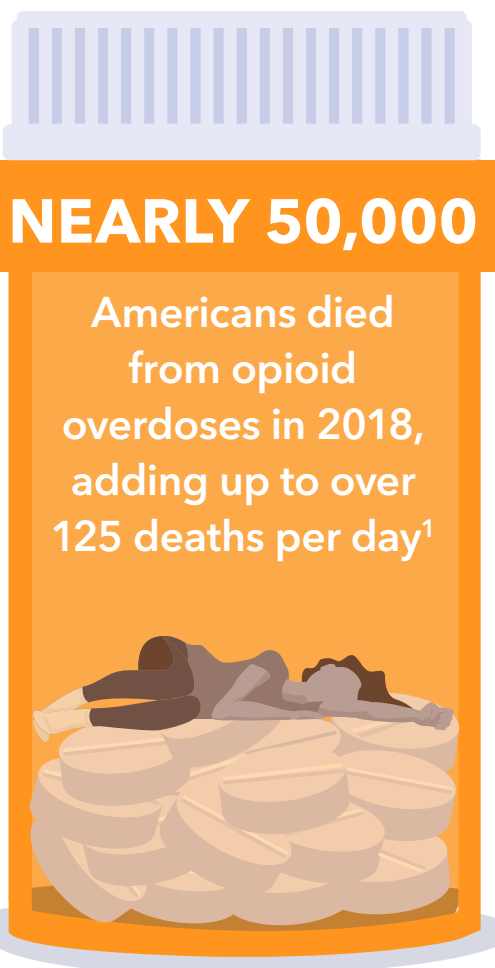
who misused pain relievers in the past year say that they got them from family and friends, including their home's medicine cabinets<sup>3</sup>



**Seal&Send Medication Mail Back Envelopes**

Stericycle's DEA-compliant mail back envelopes are designed for patients to dispose of unused controlled substances. Simply fill it, seal it and place it in the mailbox.

Nearly 3 in 4 respondents believe having a **SAFE AND SECURE WAY TO DISPOSE** of leftover prescriptions would help combat the opioid epidemic<sup>2</sup>



**NEARLY 50,000**

Americans died from opioid overdoses in 2018, adding up to over 125 deaths per day<sup>1</sup>

**Stericycle's Seal&Send<sup>SM</sup> Envelopes and Medication Collection Kiosks can mitigate the risks of diversion and help combat the opioid crisis.**



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**AMERICANS ARE 3X MORE LIKELY**

to have an opioid overdose if someone else in the home has an opioid prescription<sup>4</sup>



**4 IN 5 NEW HEROIN USERS**

started out by misusing prescription drugs<sup>5</sup>



**Medication Collection Kiosks**

Stericycle's medication collection kiosks located in pharmacies, hospitals and law enforcement agencies are a safe and convenient way for consumers to dispose of unused medications.

4 in 5 respondents say if their local pharmacy had a **FREE MEDICATION DROP-OFF KIOSK**, they would use it to dispose of unused prescriptions<sup>2</sup>

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