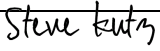




SUQUAMISH TRIBE HEALING HOUSE

Policy & Procedure

Policy Title:	MEDICATION AND USED NEEDLE TAKE-BACK PROCEDURE		
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PURPOSE

The Suquamish Tribe Healing House has a responsibility to educate patients about medication and needle stewardship, including safe disposal.

RESPONSIBILITY

Clinical and administrative staff.

SAFE MEDICATION RETURN PROCEDURE

Washington's Safe Medication Return allows people to dispose of household prescription and over-the-counter medications (including medications for household pets).

Drop-off locations for medication take-back close to Suquamish include

- CVS pharmacy, 18820 Highway 305, Poulsbo, WA, 98370
- Rite Aid Pharmacy, 19475 7th Ave NE, Poulsbo, WA 98370
- Safeway Pharmacy, 19245 10th Ave NE, Poulsbo, WA 98370

Mail-back

Mail-back packages are available through the Med-Project (<https://med-project.org>). Instructions for disposal are provided with all mail-back services. Separate forms should be submitted for each type of mail-back package. To protect patient privacy, patients need to remove all personally identifiable information on medication labels or packaging before mailing back medicine.

NEEDLE TAKE BACK PROCEDURE

Kitsap County has multiple free drop sites for sharps and needle disposal. Approved containers for the disposal of sharps and needles include FDA-approved sharps container, liquid laundry container with a screw cap, and a 2-liter soda bottle with a screw cap. Containers cannot be more than $\frac{3}{4}$ full and must be labeled with a sticker that states: SHARPS-BIOHAZARD. These stickers are available at the drop sites.

Drop-off locations for sharps and needle disposal in Kitsap County include:

Bainbridge Island Transfer State. 7215 Vincent Road.

Hansville Recycling & Garbage. 7791 NE Ecology Road. Kingston.

Silverdale Recycling & Garbage. 8843 NW Dickey Road.

Kitsap Public Health District. 345 6th St. Suite 300. Bremerton. This site only accepts FDA- approved sharps containers.

Olympic View Transfer Station. 9380 SW Barney White Road. Bremerton

Household Hazardous Waste. 5551 SW Imperial Way. Bremerton

Olalla Recycling and Garbage. 2850 SE Burley-Olalla Road.

For the most up-to-date Kitsap County sharps and needle disposal sites see:

https://www.kitsapgov.com/pw/Documents/3616_Sharps%20Disposal%20Web.pdf.