



## Guide to Safe Medication Storage

Safe medication storage can be the first line of defense against preventing accidental overdoses. Safe storage is key to preventing overdoses within the home, especially for young children and older adults. Follow these medication storage tips to ensure medications are kept secure and used safely.

### How can you safely store medications?

Safe medication storage starts with location

- Keep medications in a safe location that is not easily accessible. Keep them High and Hidden.

Do not leave loose pills out

- Having loose pills out provides easy access for individuals who are not prescribed the medication.
- Medications look similar. Loose pills create confusion and increase the risk of taking an improper dose.

### What are my safe storage options?

Safe storage can occur through many different methods, such as using medication lock boxes, using lockable pill vials, and organizing pill caddies. All of these options combined can help reduce the risk of overdose or poisoning within the home.

#### Lockable Pill Vials

Lockable pill vials offer an easy and cost-effective way to store medications. These vials come with a combination, and only individuals with the combination are able to access the medications inside.

To acquire no-cost, lockable pill vials, please contact Opioid Risk Coordinator Sam Garrison at [sgarrison@mauldinfire.com](mailto:sgarrison@mauldinfire.com).



