



Frequently Asked Questions: Drop 2 Stop Program

- **What is a Permanent Prescription Drop Box?** A Prescription Drop Box is a DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) approved secure Drop Box for people to drop off their unwanted or expired prescription medications so they don't end up in the wrong hands.
- **Where can permanent Prescription Drop Boxes be located?** Prescription Drop Boxes can be installed in the following locations: Police Department/Law Enforcement, Free Standing Pharmacy or within a Hospital/Clinic that has a Pharmacy and a Licensed Pharmacist.
- **How secure are the Prescription Drop Boxes?** Our Drop Boxes are trusted by the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) and are fully compliant with their guidelines. The Drop Boxes are rust-proof and made in the USA with 18-gauge powder-coated steel. The secure Drop Box should be bolted to the floor in its permanent location. 525 Foundation is not responsible for the installation of the Drop Box.





- **What is the size of the Prescription Drop Box? What is the size of the Prescription Drop Box?**
Our Drop Box Dimensions:
19" x 20.5" x 47" Tall
- **What is the cost of a Prescription Drop Box?** Please visit our website at www.525foundation.org and click on OUTREACH. Then, click on Drop 2 Stop, from here can click on the box to CONTACT US about getting a Drop Box in your community and our Program Manager will get back with you on price.
- **How are the pills stored in the Drop Box until destruction of the pills?** The Drop Box holds special liners inside the box itself. The liners come in a value pack of 3 and hold up to 28 gallons of waste. How soon you will need to order more will be solely dependent upon how often your community members are utilizing their Drop Box.
- **What is the cost to dispose of the prescription pills when the drop box needs to be emptied?** Please contact us to learn more about pricing. Due to destruction being different at each location, we can better assist you if you contact us.





- **Who empties the Drop Boxes and ships them off for destruction?** Law Enforcement Agencies do not need to purchase the liners or ship them for destruction as they are able to do their own destruction. If you are a Pharmacy or Hospital/Clinic, this process should involve 2 people and that number should always include a Licensed Pharmacist to be present. Each facility will have their own Policies and Procedures around this step of the process.
- **How can I get a Drop 2 Stop box for my community?** First, check with the facility you wish to have the Drop Box at, make sure they are willing to have the Drop Box in their facility. Then, simply visit our website at www.525foundation.org and click on the "contact us" tab and our Program Manager will get in touch with you about placing your order.
- **How do communities pay for the Drop Boxes?** Some communities may have grants that you may be able to apply for to help fund the cost of the Prescription Drop Box. Communities can also do this as a High School Senior Service Project where the High Schoolers would raise money from the community to fund the purchase of the Drop Box for their community. You can also ask for sponsors in your community to sponsor the Drop Box.





- **How long does it take to get our Drop Box after we order it?** It typically takes 4-6 weeks from the time the order is submitted to the time it arrives at your facility. This time period includes build time of the unit, graphics package applied to Drop Box and the shipping of the unit to your facility. This 4-6 weeks period gives you time to spread the word to your community and do some marketing/media around the Prescription Drop Box your Community is about to receive!
- **How are the pills destroyed?** Law enforcement is responsible for their own destruction. Any other facility will package up the box of medications with a Licensed Pharmacist. The package is then logged into the tracking system and shipped to the destruction facility. Once destruction is complete data on how many pounds of pills were destroyed of will be given back to the Drop 2 Stop Facility and the 525 Foundation.
- **Are there any special Licenses required?** If you are a Pharmacy within a Hospital/Clinic/Grocery Store, you will need to apply with Form 224 with the DEA for a TAKE BACK LICENSE before you may start the process of promoting your Drop 2 Stop Prescription Drop Box. The application fee is \$731.00 through the DEA website and is good for 3 years. Once you apply for the Take back status, a local DEA agent will come out and inspect where you plan on putting the drop box.





Acceptable

- Prescriptions- schedule II-V controlled & non controlled substances
- Vitamins
- Ointments
- Pet Medications
- Prescription Patches
- Over the counter Medication



Not Acceptable

- Needles
- Inhalers
- Aerosol Cans
- Thermometers
- Lotions or Liquids
- Hydrogen Peroxide

