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### **The Lake in the Hills Police Department is participating in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Event on Saturday, October 23rd**

**Lake in the Hills, IL** - On Saturday, October 23rd, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. the Lake in the Hills Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will provide an opportunity for the community to safely rid their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The collection location will be in the lower lobby of the Lake in the Hills Police Department, located at 1115 Crystal Lake Rd. Prior to drop off, the police department requests the removal all prescription labels or to black them out with a marker. The service is free and anonymous, no questions will asked.

Tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs can be collected the day of the event. Liquids (including intravenous solutions), syringes/other sharps and illegal drugs will not be accepted. Vaping devices and cartridges will be accepted, provided lithium batteries are removed prior to drop off.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. has seen an increase in overdose deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic, with 83,544 Americans overdosing during the 12-month period ending July 1, 2020, the most ever recorded in a 12-month period. The increase in drug overdose deaths appeared to begin prior to the COVID-19 health emergency, but accelerated significantly during the first months of the pandemic. With studies indicating a majority of abused prescription drugs come from family and friends, including from home medicine cabinets, clearing out unused medicine is essential.

For more information about the October 23rd Take Back Day event, visit [www.DEATakeBack.com](http://www.DEATakeBack.com) or please contact Officer Amanda Schmitt, the Lake in the Hills Police Department Public Information Officer, at 847-658-5676.

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