The amount of prescription painkillers prescribed in 2010 was enough to medicate every adult in America around the clock for a month.

Nearly 15,000 people die of prescription drug overdoses annually. In New Jersey, two-thirds of drug-related deaths involve prescription drugs.

A CDC study found that that users of prescription drugs are 40 times more likely to use heroin than others, a figure that cements commonly prescribed medication as a threshold for use of more dangerous substances.

You are about to sell your house. You have cleaned out and fixed up your home. You have locked up your valuables. But there is one more thing you should do before potential buyers come – make certain your medications are secure.

Community in Crisis is a coalition spearheaded by Somerset Hills YMCA that includes law enforcement officials, organizations, schools, churches and other community groups that have come together to develop a multifaceted plan to halt drug abuse and drug-related deaths.

For more information, or to join this important initiative, please contact Andi Williams at awilliams@somersetcountymca.org or at 908 630 3526.
DURING YOUR OPEN HOUSE, YOUR MEDICINE CABINET CAN BE OPEN GAME FOR DRUG THIEVES.

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), stealing drugs from open houses is a technique drug thieves use to obtain controlled prescription drugs. In fact, 70 percent of drug addicts reported that they started their addiction to prescription medications from family, friends and strangers’ medicine cabinets.

MOST COMMONLY TARGETED MEDICATIONS INCLUDE:

- **Opiates**: pain killers and muscle relaxers like OxyContin and Vicodin
- **Depressants**: anxiety, depression, and sleep medication
- **Stimulants**: ADHD medications such as Adderall

DURING YOUR OPEN HOUSE, YOUR MEDICINE CABINET CAN BE OPEN GAME FOR DRUG THIEVES.

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), stealing drugs from open houses is a technique drug thieves use to obtain controlled prescription drugs. In fact, 70 percent of drug addicts reported that they started their addiction to prescription medications from family, friends and strangers’ medicine cabinets.

**PROTECT YOUR HOME**

1. Clean out your medicine cabinets.
2. Dispose of any unused, unneeded, or expired medications properly at drop boxes.
3. Keep your medications in a Medicine Lock-Box.
4. Know where your medications are at all times during an open house.
5. Report any stolen prescriptions to the police.

**DROP BOXES ARE AVAILABLE AT THESE CONVENIENT LOCATIONS:**

**SOMERSET COUNTY**
- SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF, County Administration Building
  20 Grove Street, Somerville
- BERNARDS POLICE
  1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge
- BRANCHBURG POLICE
  590 Old York Road, Branchburg
- FRANKLIN POLICE
  495 Demott Lane, Somerset
- HILLSBOROUGH POLICE
  379 South Branch Road, Hillsborough
- NORTH PLAINFIELD POLICE
  263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield

**MORRIS COUNTY**
- CHATHAM POLICE
  401 Southern Boulevard, Chatham
- DENVILLE POLICE
  1 Saint Mary’s Place, Denville
- JEFFERSON POLICE
  1033 Weldon Road, Lake Hopatcong
- KINNELON POLICE
  130 Kinnelon Road, Kinnelon
- MADISON POLICE
  62 Kings Road, Madison
- MENDHAM BOROUGH
  3 Cold Hill Road, South Mendham
- MENDHAM TOWNSHIP
  3 Cherry Lane, Brookside
- MONTVILLE POLICE
  360 Rt. 202, Montville