

**REALTORS: WARN YOUR CLIENTS**

**ABOUT PRESCRIPTION DRUG THEFT**

***An open house can be convenient***

***opportunity for people to steal prescription medication.***

Often working in pairs, thieves may pose as homebuyers. While one distracts you, the other raids the medicine cabinet.

When putting a house on the market, advise homeowners to:

Be aware of all prescription medications in the house - don’t forget drugs kept in the nightstands and the kitchen.

Keep prescription drugs locked up with other valuables.

Properly dispose of any leftover or expired medications. The Arizona Rx Misuse and Abuse Initiative keeps an updated list of permanent prescription drop-off locations. Go to [www.dumpthedrugsaz.org](http://www.dumpthedrugsaz.org).

Report any stolen prescription drugs to the police.



**PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IS AN EPIDEMIC.**

1 out of 3\* drug-related deaths in Arizona involved prescription drugs.

 



\*Arizona Department of Health Services, Vital Statistics