



Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Bobby Webre

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APSO taking back unwanted prescription drugs Saturday, April 27 in Gonzales

On Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office, Gonzales Police Department, Our Lady of the Lake Ascension and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Sheriff Bobby Webre encourages citizens to bring your pills for disposal to the Gonzales Courthouse at 828 S. Irma Blvd., Gonzales from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

OLOL Ascension will also be present for free health checks on site.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 27 Take Back Day event, go to the [DEA Diversion website](#).