# The Science Behind SECURE a DRUG

Secure a Drug is the simple solution for deactivating and neutralizing pharmaceutical controlled substances. Secure a Drug allows for the easy and permanent removal of potential threats and abuse associated with the opioid crisis and beyond, reducing risk to those most vulnerable.

# WHAT IS IT MADE OUT OF?

Secure a Drug utilizes an activated carbon solution to render controlled substances non-retrievable.

> WHAT SUBSTANCES ARE COMPATIBLE?



# **HOW LONG** DOES IT TAKE TO WORK?

After disposing of drugs into the Secure a Drug the formula begins to denature medications. Most items will become fully adsorbed and neutralized in 7-10 days.

# **HOW DOES IT WORK?**





Just like in your stomach, chemical digestion breaks down stuff, but instead of food, it's drugs. The activated charcoal in Secure a Drug acts like the stomach's enzymes, but for drugs, it absorbs and neutralizes, making the drugs harmless and safe to throw away. It's a similar process to your stomach breaking down food to get the nutrients out.

## CHEMICAL DIGESTION

#### ACTIVATED CARBON

The key component in our products is activated carbon, a highly porous material that adsorbs and traps drug molecules which neutralizes the drugs.

#### NEUTRALIZATION

Physically or chemically changing the drug to ensure that it cannot be consumed, extracted, or released into the environment in a way that poses a risk to human health or ecosystems.



When a broken down compound chemically attaches to another substance. Imagine a towel soaking up water when you spill it. Instead of just sitting on the surface, the towel envelops the water molecules and traps them inside.

# HOW TO USE SECURE A DRUG



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2 Load unused or unwanted controlled medications into a Secure a Drug container.







#### WET FORMAT

The Wet format comes pre-filled with water and our activated carbon solution. The only action needed prior to medication disposal is to unscrew the lid.



#### DRY FORMAT

The Dry format does <u>not</u> come pre-filled with water, just the dry carbon solution. Add warm water up to the labeled fill-line prior to initial medication disposal. Once water is added, begin disposing medications.

# WHY USE A CARBON DEACTIVATION SYSTEM?



#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Reduces risk of drug abuse, accidental ingestion, or misuse



## COMPLIANCE

Meets DEA & EPA requirements



### ECO-FRIENDLY

Improper disposal can lead to water contamination and can harm wildlife

# SECURE A DRUG HELPS **PREVENT GROUND WATER LEACHING**

When you dispose of medications into the trash, they can end up in landfills where rainwater can wash them into the soil and eventually into groundwater. Using Secure a Drug products for drug deactivation prevents medications and their chemical properties from impacting the environment.

## HOW LONG ARE SECURE A DRUG PRODUCTS GOOD FOR?



from their date of manufacture



from placing the first controlled substance into the container