



# **SAPC Quarterly Prevention Provider and Safe Med LA Community Education Action Team (CEAT) Meeting.**

**Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
Substance Abuse Prevention and Control**

**March 12, 2025**

# Finance

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# Finance Update – Revised Bulletin



## SAPC IN 25-03: Budget Format for Substance Use Services Agreements and Contracts

- Available at [SAPC's Bulletins](#) section. Please see SAPC Bulletin 24-05.
- Revised budget completion instructions
- Updates Indirect Cost Rate to “Up to 15%”
- Describes Budget Approval Systems – **Revised guide coming soon!**
- Incorporates new “Budget Revision Worksheet”

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL BUREAU BUDGET SUMMARY FOR CONTRACTED SERVICES								
Date:	XX/XX/XXXX							
Type of Program:								
Contracted Agency Legal Name:	(AGENCY LEGAL NAME)					D.B.A.:		
Address/City:						Zip Code:		
Contract Number:	PH-00XXXX	Contract Term:	XX/XX/XXXX - XX/XX/XXXX		Budget Contact Person:			
Agency Tel. Number:		Budget Fiscal Year:	XXXX - XXXX		Budget Contact Email Address:			
Fax Number:					Budget Contact Phone Number:			
Provider Submission Signature:					Executive Director:			
SAPC Program Approval Signature:					Executive Director Email Address:			
					Executive Director Phone Number:			
Budget Revision Worksheet								
Category	Prior Approved Amount	Revised Amount	Difference	Reallocated Category	Prior Approved Amount	Revised Amount	Difference	Brief Description
EXAMPLE: Salaries	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	EXAMPLE: Services and Supplies	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	Unable to hire staff, will shift funds to purchase program supplies. Supplies will consist of previously approved items.

# Finance Update – Billing Update



## **10% Increase Augmentation**

- Submit requested documents, including budgets, ASAP!
- Revise service/spending plans NOW to reflect new funding amount.

## **Contract Utilization**

- Timely submission of payments will ensure full use of funds.
- Contracts will be “right-sized” based on actual utilization.

## **BILLING SUPERSTARS!**

- Phoenix Houses Of Los Angeles, Inc.
- Parents Anonymous, Inc
- People Coordinated
- NCAPP – ESGP.
- Koreatown Youth And Community Center, Inc.
- Child & Family Center
- The Wall - Las Memorias Project
- Behavioral Health Services, Inc.
- Korean American Family Service, Inc
- Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.
- NCADD - SFV
- Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc.
- The Wall - Las Memorias Project
- San Fernando Valley Partnership, Inc.
- Social Model Recovery Systems, Inc.
- Children's Hospital Los Angeles
- Healthright 360 (Prototypes)
- South Central Prevention Coalition
- Special Service For Groups
- Child & Family Center
- Pueblo Y Salud, Inc.
- Watts Healthcare Corporation, D.B.A. House Of Uhuru
- Cambodian Association Of America
- Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc.
- Day One
- Change Lanes Youth Support Services
- Avalon-Carver Community Center
- Institute For Public Strategies

# Finance Updates – Other Key Info



## **SAPC IN 25-03: Budget Format for Substance Use Services Agreements and Contracts**

### Budget Completion Training

- [Budget Approval System \(BAS\) User Guide](#)
- [Budget Approval System \(BAS\) Training Video](#)

## **Contract Amendment Request - DEADLINE**

Submit Requests – No later than **March 14, 2025**

- [SAPC Bulletin 22-14 Requesting Amendments to Existing Service Contracts and Agreements](#)
- [Contract Amendment Form](#)
- Submit to [SAPCMonitoring@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:SAPCMonitoring@ph.lacounty.gov)

## **Current Contract Term**

FY 25-26 Contract Extensions – Notices will go out in April



## Finance Services Division Update – Contact



**Questions and/or More Information**

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# Prevention Services

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# SUBG Policy Manual

## Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUBG) Policy Manual

- Version 3.1 (12.9.2024)

Location: SAPC Prevention Provider  
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/providers/prevention/prevention-providers.htm?tm>

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PH DIR	Suggested Sites
PH DIR	Timecard
Provider Invoice Automation System (PIAS) Training Video	01/04/24
Provider Invoice Automation System (PIAS) Training Manual	08/07/24
Budget Approval System (BAS) Training Video	06/27/24
Budget Approval System (BAS) User Guide	11/20/24
SAPC Information Notice 24-05 - Budget Format for Substance Use Services Agreements and Contract	09/24/24
- Attachment I - Budget Instructions	09/24/24
- Attachment II - SAPC Budget Summary Narrative	09/24/24
Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUBG) Policy Manual (Updated - February 2025)	02/28/25
Prevention Monthly Invoice	09/15/22
- Prevention Monthly Invoice Tutorial	07/07/22
Cost Report Forms and Instructions	06/14/22
Non-Drug Medi-Cal Cost Report PowerPoint Instructions	06/14/22
Fact Sheets	



## **Administrative/Programmatic Updates**

- General Prevention Budget/Funding Updates
- Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)/Proposition 1 Updates
  - Community Planning Team Updates
- Behavioral Health Integration Updates
- National Prevention Week 2025
- Upcoming April 2025 Training: Self-Care and Community Resources
- SAPC Learning and Network Connection (LNC) Platform
- Alcohol Prevention Workgroup: Spring 2025
- Welcome: Dr. Kevin Burns, Associate Medical Director of Prevention



## Community Presentations

Presentation	Status	File Location
Cannabis 101	Completed	SAPC Learning and Network Connection (LNC) Platform
Vaping 101	Completed	SAPC Learning and Network Connection (LNC) Platform
Vaping 101 (Teens)	In Progress	Pending
Alcohol 101	In Progress	Pending
Overdose Prevention 101	Completed	Requirement to attend a training prior to presentation delivery. Training requests are below: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SAPC_trainingrequestform">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SAPC_trainingrequestform</a>
Meth 101	Under Review	Pending
Emerging Drug Trends	Under Review	Pending
Substance Use Disorder 101	Completed	<a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/docs/public/r95/sud/SUD-101.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/docs/public/r95/sud/SUD-101.pdf</a>

SAPC Learning and Network Connection (LNC) Platform: Launch date TBD

## SAPC LNC Platform as an Learning Management Platform

- On-demand trainings available 24/7 anywhere
- Trainings specifically created for all SAPC providers
  - Clinical trainings (*Continued Education credits available*)
  - Sage trainings
  - Billing trainings
  - Operational trainings
  - Prevention trainings
  - Onboarding trainings



**SAPC LNC**  
LEARNING & NETWORK CONNECTION PLATFORM

## How will the SAPC LNC Platform benefit SAPC Providers and SAPC?

- Free access to required trainings (ex: Mandated Reporting)
- Complete trainings anywhere and anytime
- Instant download of completion certificates
- Instant access to information and resources customized to your role and responsibilities
- Staying up to date with SAPC programmatic resources

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**SAPC LNC**  
LEARNING & NETWORK CONNECTION PLATFORM

## Slide 12

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**KCWO** We included DMC-ODS operations here since this presentation was for PAC meeting. Please feel free to adjust according to your need.

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# Behavioral Health Administrative Integration / BHSA Updates

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# Effective Strategies for Youth-Focused Substance Use Prevention and Harm Reduction Messaging

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# Safe Med LA



# Emerging Trends

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# A Continuum of Substance Use Interventions



## Youth Development & Health Promotion

- Programs at school- and community-level

## Drug Use Prevention

- Universal, selected, and indicated prevention

**Harm Reduction** → Currently largely serves people who are using drugs and not yet interested in SUD treatment

- Low threshold services proven to reduce morbidity and mortality, including outreach, overdose prevention (naloxone and fentanyl test strip distribution, etc), syringe exchange, peer services, linkages to SUD treatment and other needed services, etc.

**SUD Treatment & Recovery** → Currently largely serves people who are ready for abstinence

- Involves a spectrum of settings: opioid treatment programs, outpatient, intensive outpatient, residential, inpatient, withdrawal management, Recovery Services, Recovery Bridge Housing, field-based services, care coordination and navigation, etc.

**Surveillance** of drug use and its community impact

# Harm Reduction

Harm Reduction is an approach to service provision and a framework to implement services, policies, and strategies aimed at minimizing the negative health, social, and economic consequences of drug use without necessarily reducing drug consumption.



Recovery is rarely a straight path

Harm Reduction is about walking that path alongside individuals providing support, dignity, and safety at every step.

# EVIDENCE FOR HARM REDUCTION

## UNITED STATES

Farnham et al., 2013 and Ronan et al., 2016

**30 years** of Harm Reduction practice in the United States have shown it is effective in:

- Reducing overdose deaths
- Reducing blood-borne infections
- Reducing health costs
  - Lifetime cost of medical care for each new HIV infection is over \$400,000.
  - The equivalent amount of money spent on Harm Reduction programs prevents at least 30 new HIV infections.

## UNITED STATES

Hagan et al., 2000

Compared to people who have never accessed Harm Reduction services, people using Harm Reduction services are:

- **5 x** more likely to participate in drug treatment
- **3 x** more likely to reduce or stop injecting and remain in drug treatment



Figure 1. Drug Overdose Death Counts by Drug, LAC, 2014-2023

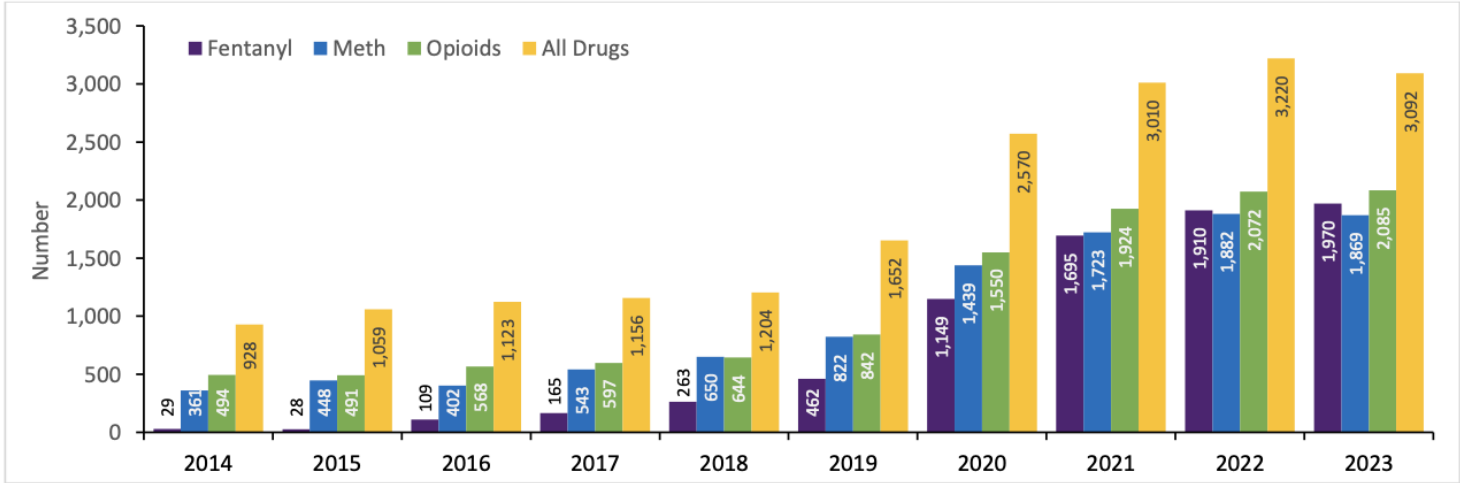
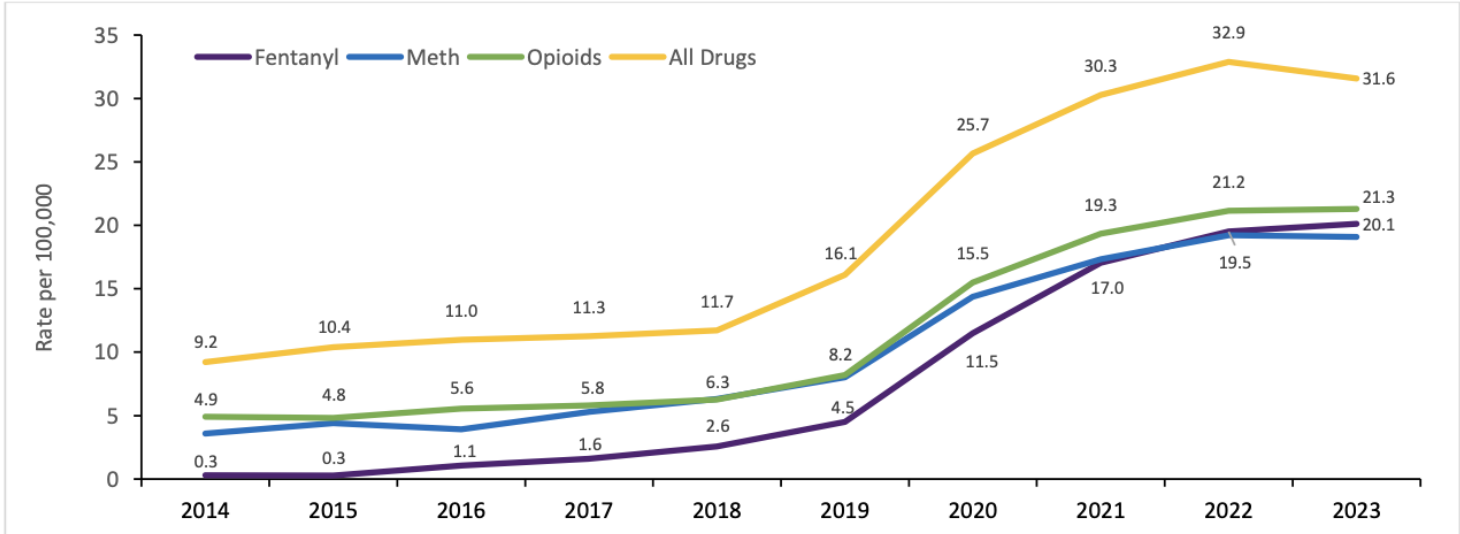


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# Fentanyl's devastating toll

Overdose deaths involving various opioids, all ages

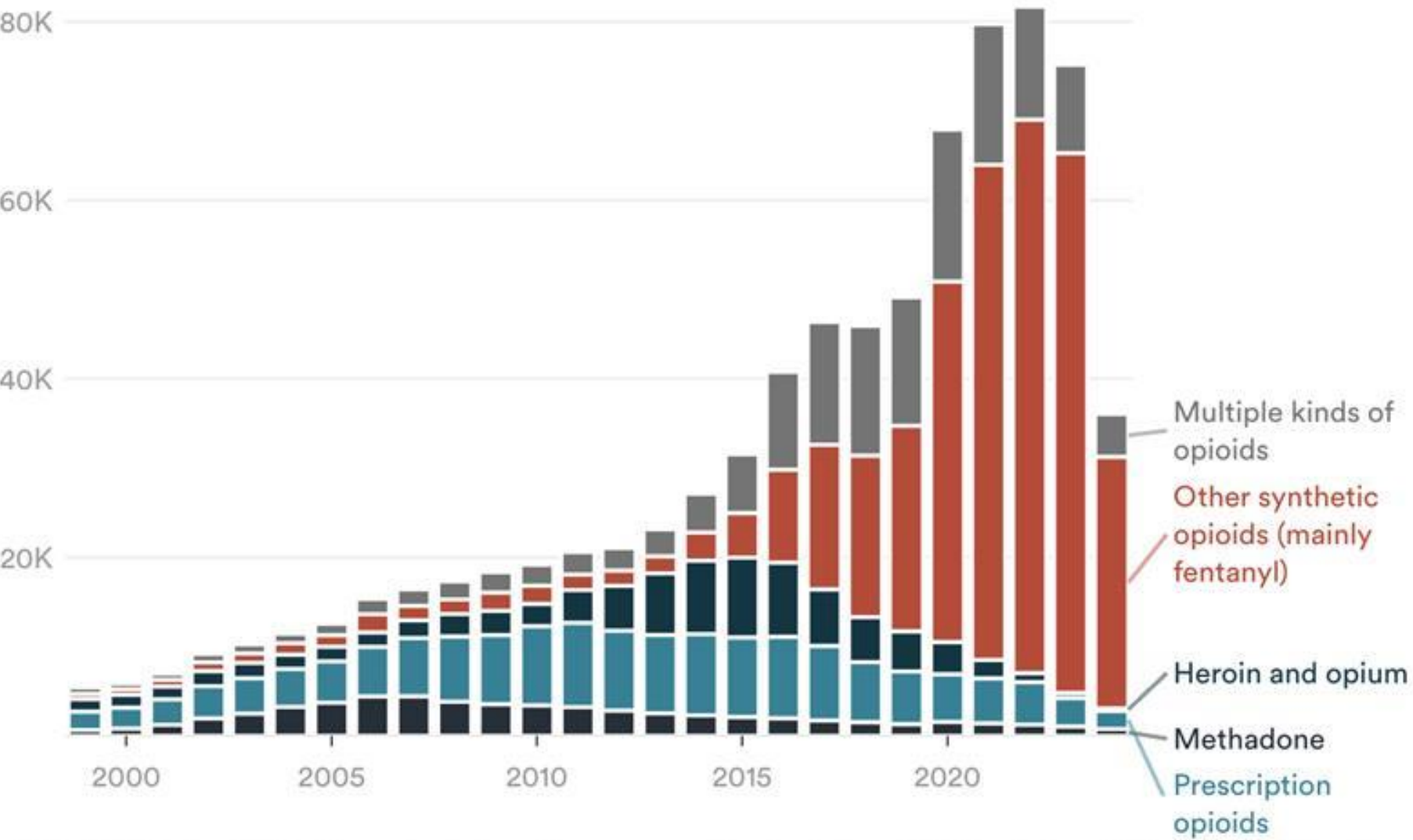
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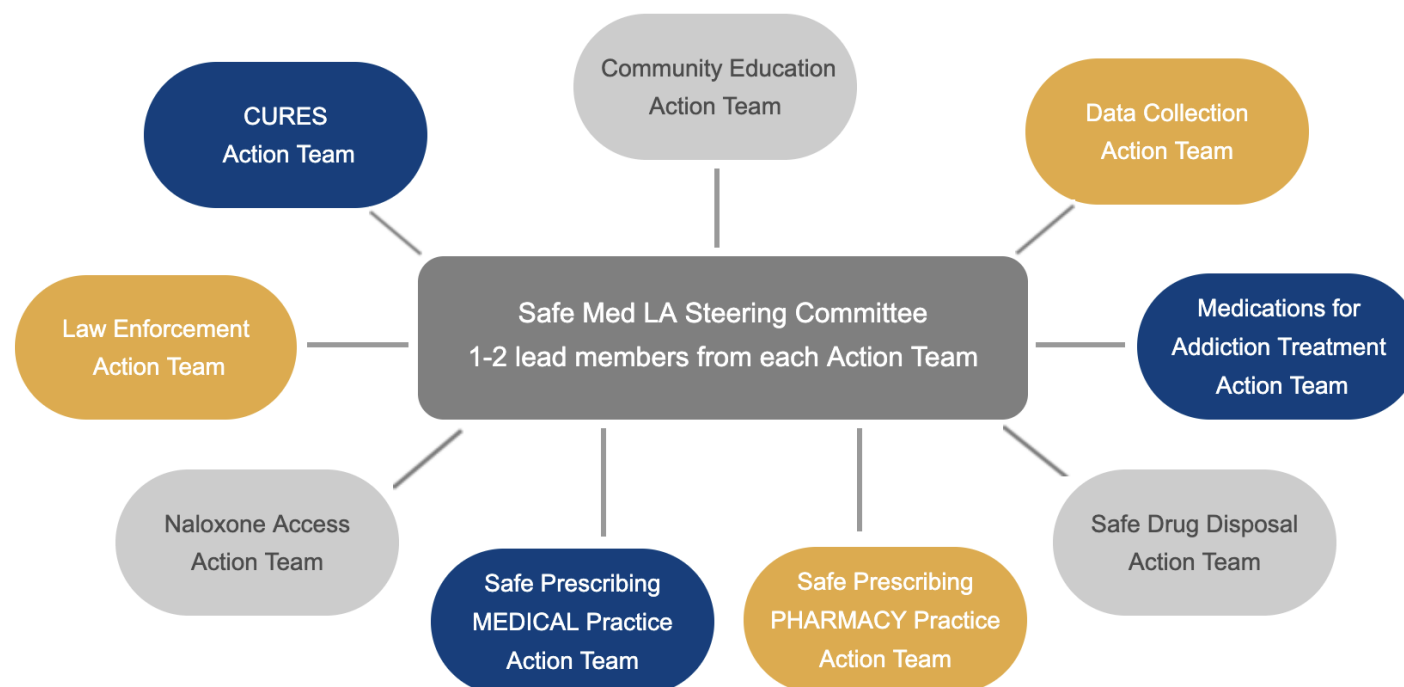


# SAFE MED LA

*Working Together to Reduce Prescription Drug Abuse and Overdose Deaths*

[www.SafeMedLA.org](http://www.SafeMedLA.org)

**A broad, cross-sector coalition that is taking a coordinated and multi-pronged approach to comprehensively address prescription drug abuse in Los Angeles County**





# Safe Med LA Highlights

- **Safe Prescribing**
  - Implemented safe prescribing guidelines at [all 78 emergency departments and 80 urgent care clinics](#) throughout LAC.
  - [14% decrease](#) in opioid prescriptions in LAC, excluding buprenorphine.<sup>1</sup>
- **Naloxone**
  - [Distributed > 21,000 doses of naloxone](#) to community-based organizations and law enforcement in LAC through CHCF grant and CDPH naloxone grant.
  - [Trained > 235 pharmacists](#) on the State-required training to enable them to furnish naloxone without a physician's prescription.
  - Supported [LASD launch of its naloxone program](#) for field deputies – [66 lives saved](#) since 2017 implementation of program.



# Safe Med LA Highlights

- **Medications for Addiction Treatment**
  - Contributed to **126% percent increase** (793 → 1800) in number of LAC buprenorphine prescribers through provision of federally-required buprenorphine trainings.<sup>1</sup>
  - **8% increase in buprenorphine prescribing** in LAC.<sup>2</sup>
- **Safe Drug Disposal**
  - Developed Google Maps locator to promote **safe drug disposal** and **sponsored Drug Take Back Events**

1. SAMHSA Buprenorphine Practitioner Locator, 2016 – 2018.

2. CDPH California Opioid Overdose Surveillance Dashboard, 2015 – 2017.

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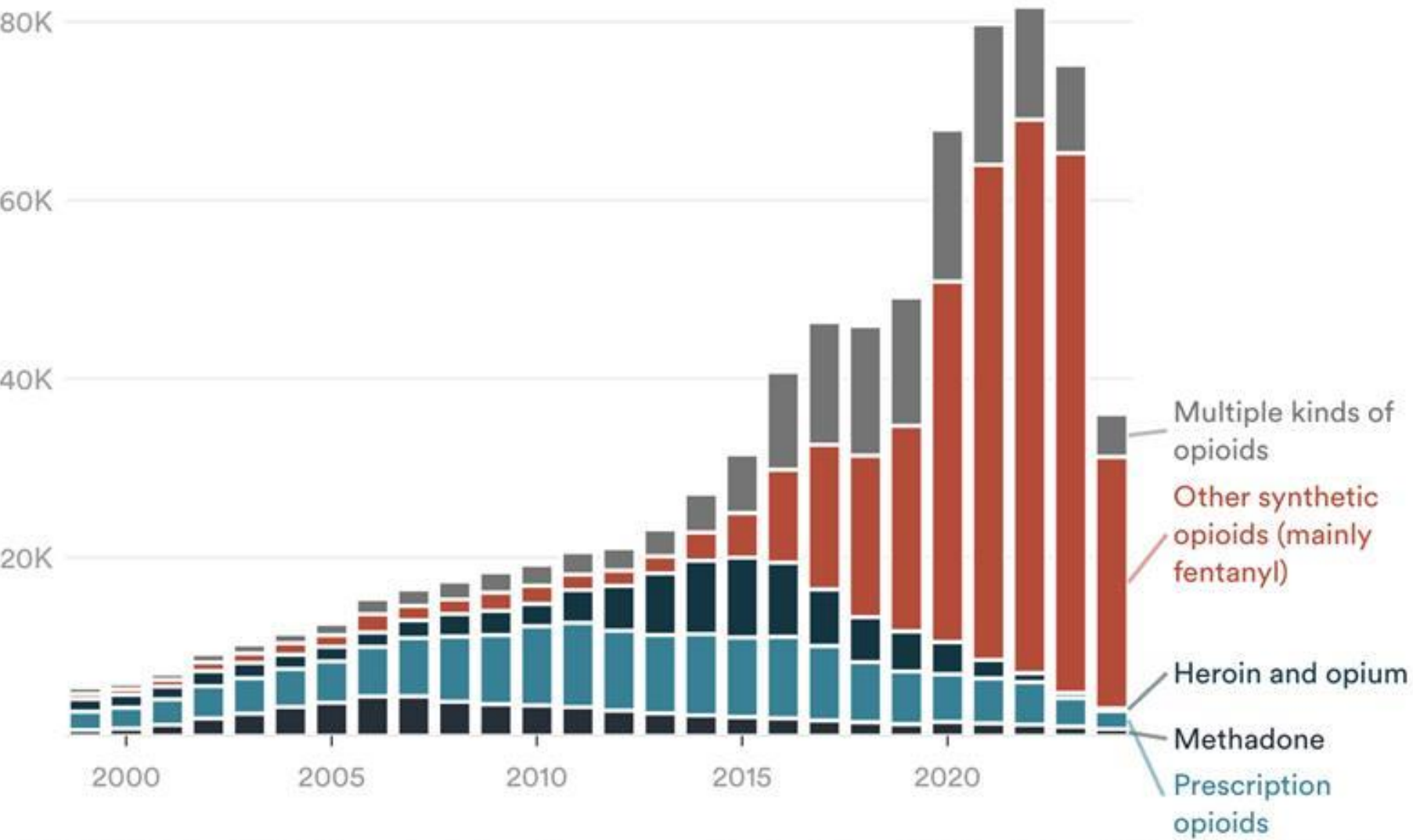
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# New Psychoactive Substances (NPS)



"New psychoactive substances" is a term used to describe lab-made compounds created for research purposes or for illicit drug markets. An existing drug is slightly modified to avoid existing drug laws.

## **Types of Substances:**

- Synthetic opioids (nitazenes), semi-synthetic opioid (tianeptine), legal alkaloids (mitragynine/Kratom)
- Synthetic piperazine derivatives "Legal Ecstasy"
- Synthetic methoxetamine (alternative to ketamine)
- Synthetic cannabinoids ("K2" or "Spice"), Delta-8
- Synthetic cathinones ("bath salts")
- Salvia divinorum (plant-based dissociative)
- Synthetic sedatives
- Inhalants: Nitrous oxide

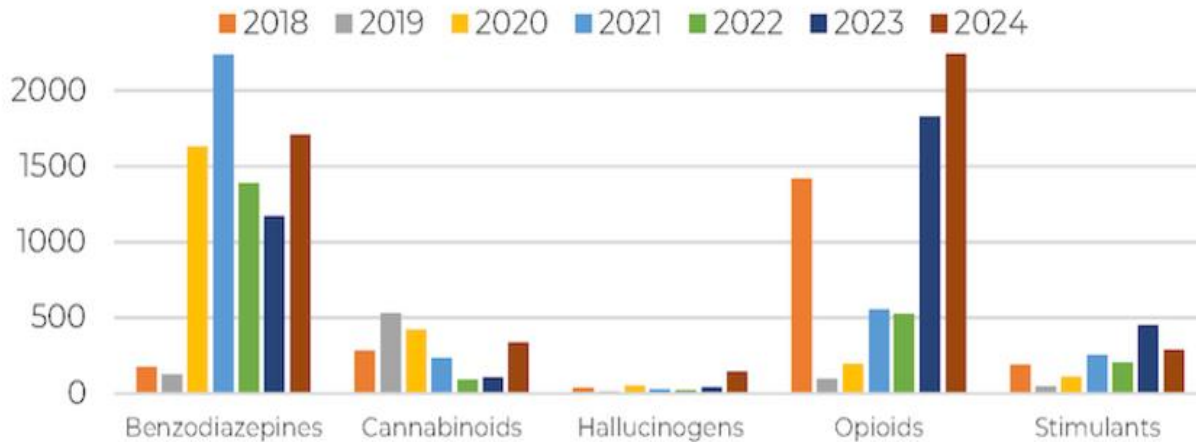
## **Concern:**

Emerging substances are usually not included in emergency department drug tests and are not routinely included in the toxicology tests used after a fatal overdose. This delay in data will result in a delay of understanding how widespread use of the drug is, why and how these drugs have their effects, and the care needed.

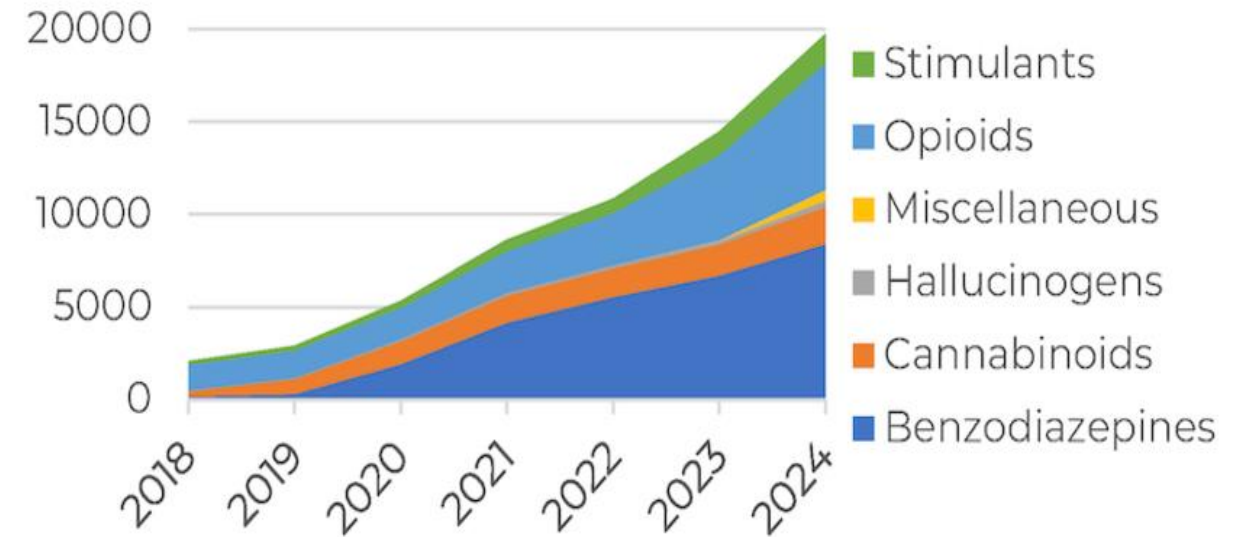
# New Psychoactive Substances (NPS)



In 2024, the Center for Forensic Science Research and Education (CFSRE) observed more than **5,200** total NPS detections within examined sample populations (Figure 5), a portion of nearly **20,000** total NPS detections since the program launched in 2018 (Figure 6).



**Figure 5:** Total number of NPS detections by year among samples analyzed since 2018.



**Figure 6:** Cumulative number of total NPS detections since 2018.

## Why Are They Becoming More Common?

- Don't rely on cultivating plants, requiring land, water, and other expenses.
- Lower production and shipping costs lead to higher profits.
- More potent than traditional plant-based drugs.
- Can be cut into other drugs (e.g., replacing heroin with fentanyl).
- Can be pressed to resemble counterfeit prescription pills.
- Chemicals used to make them travel across borders easier.

# Synthetic Opioid - Nitazenes



## Description:

- Lab-made and may be as powerful or more powerful than fentanyl. In the 1950s, they were developed in research labs as potential pain relievers but were never marketed. They are most often sold as a white powder or tablets. Many nitazenes are listed as Schedule 1 drugs.

## Health Effects:

- Slow breathing, blood pressure, and heart rate to dangerously low levels, potentially contributing to overdose.

## Concern:

- People may not be aware they have taken nitazenes, as they may be added to other substances, including fentanyl, heroin, and benzodiazepines.



# Synthetic Opioid - Tianeptine



## Description:

- An opioid that is **not approved** by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for any medical use. Tianeptine is often marketed as Stablon and Coaxil. Research suggests that most people take tianeptine in dietary supplements marketed as cognitive enhancers or nootropics.

## Health Effects:

- Dangerous drops in blood pressure, heart rate, or breathing rate. Other effects includes heart and digestive function issues. Taking tianeptine can lead to adverse effects and sometimes overdose.

## Concern:

- Tianeptine is a medication approved in some non-US countries for anxiety and depression. It has not been approved by the FDA, but there has been an increase in people using tianeptine in the US.



# Legal Opioid Alkaloid - Mitragynine



## Description:

- Abstracted from the leaves *Mitragyna speciosa* plant, sold as Kratom
- Other names: Ithang, Kakuam, Ketum, Krypton, Thom

## Health Effects:

- In low doses, has a stimulating effect, at higher doses, has a stronger opioid effect
- Adverse effects include nausea, vomiting, dry mouth, constipation, and confusion

## Concern:

- Legal status may create the mis-perception of safety. Opioid tolerance & withdrawal may drive people to use other opioids.



# Synthetic Piperazine Derivatives



## Description:

- Stimulate serotonin release in the brain, similar to Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA / Ecstasy), but has some dopamine and norepinephrine effects
- Benzyloperazine (BZP) – most popular
- Powder crushed into pills
- Other names: Cosmic Jet, Charge, Benzo Fury, Party Pills, MDAI, Exotic Super Strong, XXX Strong as Hell

## Health Effects:

- In low doses, has a stimulating effect, at higher doses, has a stronger hallucinogen effect
- Adverse effects include racing heart rate, anxiety, headache, nausea, vomiting

## Concern:

- Often overlooked, and while the major analogs (i.e., BZP) aren't legal under the Federal Analogs Act, there are new derivatives entering the drug supply regularly.



# Synthetic Methoxetamine



## Description:

- Synthetic analog of ketamine, blocks glutamate
- Also blocks reuptake of dopamine/norepinephrine (which results in a stimulant-like effect)
- DEA added to schedule I list in 2022, previously legal for sale
- Names: MXE, M-Ket, Kmax, Mexxy

## Health Effects:

- Both stimulating and dissociative effects
- Adverse effects: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, paranoia, anxiety

## Concern:

- Often overlooked, can contribute to behavioral disruption

[Home](#) > [Language Info](#) > MXE Pellets



### MXE Pellets

RRP: £360.00  
Your Price: **£300.00**  
(You save £60.00)  
Rating: ★★★★★ (8 product reviews)  
Shipping: Calculated at checkout

Quantity:

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## Description:

- A class of lab-made substances that are chemically similar to THC found in the cannabis plant, usually bind with stronger affinity to cannabinoid receptors
- Can be sprayed onto plant material or added to liquid cartridges used in vaping devices or smoked.
- Other names: Spice, K2, Black Magic, Cloud 9, Fake Weed, Smoke, Legal Bud

## Health Effects:

- Elevated heart rate and blood pressure, seizures, hallucinations, cognitive impairment, delayed reaction times, anxiety, agitation, delusions, nausea, vomiting

## Concern:

- These products are packaged attractive to children
- Used for their psychoactive properties
- Often packaged without information as to their health and safety risks



# Semi-Synthetic Cathinones – Bath Salts



## Description:

- Derived from cathinone which can be abstracted from the leaves of khat plant, native to East Africa
- Major psychoactive components: mephedrone, MDPV, methylone, act to release dopamine, serotonin, and norepinephrine
- Other names: Charge Plus, Hurricane Charlie, Ivory Wave, Ocean Snow, White Lightning, White Dove, Energy, Meow

## Health Effects:

- Intense cravings, severe agitation, psychosis, self mutilation, suicide attempts, fast / irregular heart rate, dehydration, fever

## Concern:

- Not detected on routine testing and often appear similar to amphetamine intoxication. Associated with severe and unpredictable behavior with agitation outside of an individuals usual behavioral baseline.



## Description:

- Plant-based dissociative abstracted from mint herb native to Mexico, the major psychoactive ingredient is Salvinorin A which has hallucinogenic properties.
- Other names: Diviners Sage, Magic Mint, Maria Pastora, Purple Sticky, Sally D, Salvia Zone

## Health Effects:

- Vivid hallucinations, fear & anxiety, headache, drowsiness, persistent psychosis

## Concern:

- Not federally regulated, banned in California in 2008, but has a history of promotion as a legal hallucinogen.



# New Synthetic Sedatives



## Description:

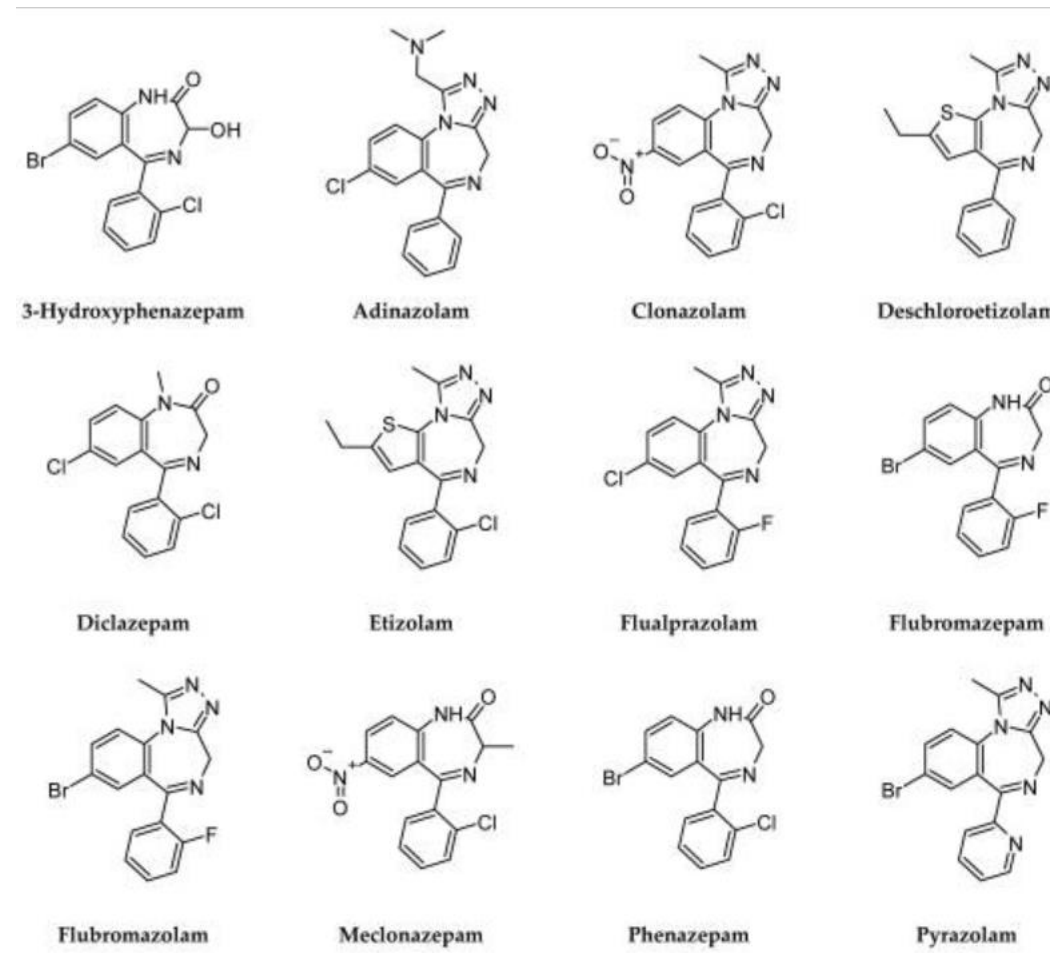
- Typically referred to as designer benzodiazepines (DBZD), modified from the structure of existing sedatives FDA approved for prescription.
- Etizolam, flualprazolam, flubromazolam and phenazepam common sedatives where there is a literature of ED visits.

## Health Effects:

- Drowsiness, dizziness, fatigue, difficulty speaking, loss of coordination, headache and amnesia, and they have the potential of being addictive

## Concer:

- **New analogs being produced, like a ‘cat and mouse’ game with regulators**
- Increase overdose risks
- Can be missed on routine toxicology.



## What is Kratom?

- A drug with stimulant effects (in low doses) and opioid effects (in high doses).
- Made from leaves from a tree native to Southeast Asia. It can be smoked, brewed with tea, or placed into gel capsules. Kratom is marketed as a pain reliever and to help with anxiety and depression.

## Health Effects:

- Nausea, constipation, dizziness, euphoria, respiratory depression or slowed breathing, etc.
- Can result in opioid dependence and addiction.

## Concern:

- Kratom products are widely available and have not been approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA). The FDA has issued numerous warnings about Kratom contamination, including the risk of developing heavy metal toxicity and exposure to contamination from salmonella.



## What is Nitrous Oxide?

- Commonly known as "laughing gas". It is a colorless, non-flammable gas with a sweet odor. Nitrous oxide is legal when used for approved medical, industrial, or cooking purposes.
- Nitrous oxide use is more common in social media and is popularized through musical artists (in their lyrics).

## When is nitrous oxide illegal?

- Nitrous oxide is illegal when the intent is for recreational intoxication.

## Health Effects:

- Feeling of euphoria, dizziness, impaired memory/cognition and motor performance, learning problems, etc.

## Concern:

- When used for recreational purposes, there's the risk of overdose. This can occur due to long-term exposure or receiving too much of the gas.



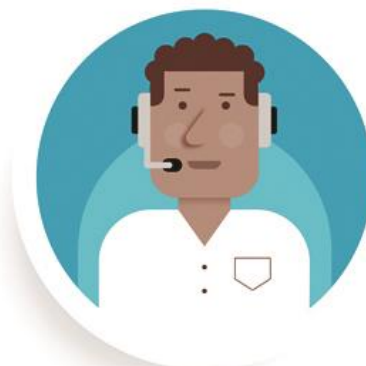
# Substance Abuse Service Helpline (SASH)

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE HELPLINE  
 **1.844.804.7500**

Toll-free, **available 24/7, year-round** • Interpretation available, including TTY



1. Anyone can call the SASH  
(adults, youth 12+)

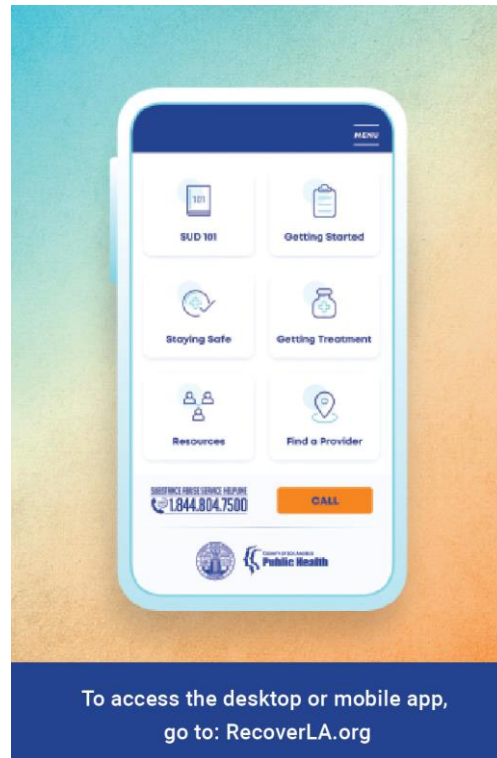


2. Clinicians/Counselors conduct a  
screening and connect the caller  
to a treatment provider



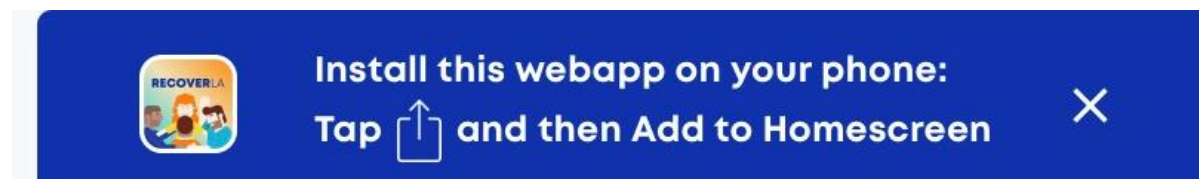
3. The SASH operator will  
connect you with a treatment  
provider or provides you with  
a referral options

## Recover LA Mobile App



- Free mobile app
- Provides education and resources for those seeking substance use services for themselves or others
- Available in 13 languages
- [RecoverLA.org](https://RecoverLA.org)

QR code can be used to  
access the app as well



## 24/7 Overdose Response Hotline





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**Questions?**



# DEA Update: Drug Trends and Diversion

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# Drug Enforcement Administration

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Los Angeles Field Division



# Overview

Overall Drug Trends

Fentanyl Updates

DEA Publications

DEA National Take Back Day



# Pink Cocaine Overview

Pink cocaine, which has also been referred to as tusi, is typically a cocktail of drugs rather than a single illicit substance

DEA laboratory testing has identified pink powders containing combinations such as:

- o Ketamine and MDMA
- o Methamphetamine, ketamine and MDMA
- o Cocaine and fentanyl
- o Fentanyl and xylazine

## What are the effects of pink cocaine?

- Much like MDMA or ecstasy, pink cocaine is a mind-altering psychedelic drug.
- Effects of pink cocaine can vary greatly as many seizures contain mixtures of a variety of dangerous drugs. A few milligrams can be enough to produce the same effects as 60 milligrams of cocaine.





# Pink Cocaine Overview

## Why is it pink?

- It is dyed pink to distinguish it from other substances such as cocaine and methamphetamine.
- The distinct pink color comes from food dye or colored baking powder.

## How wide-spread is pink cocaine?

- Currently, pink cocaine is not commonly trafficked. Pink cocaine is typically found in urban areas with active night club scenes like Miami, New York, and Los Angeles.
- Since 2020, DEA has seized a total of 960 pink powders, 4 exhibits contained 2C-B and 956 exhibits of “other” substances.

To put that into perspective, within that same time, DEA has seized 180 million fentanyl pills





# Fentanyl Overview

Fentanyl is the deadliest drug threat facing the United States.

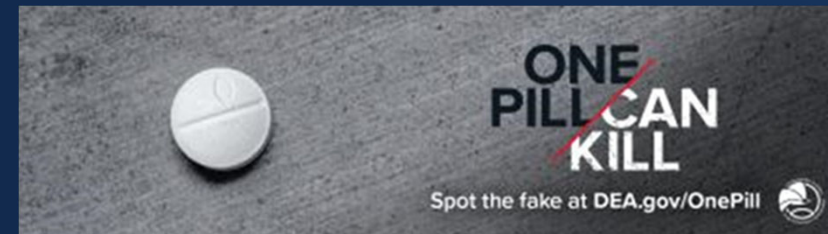
The United States is facing the first decline in drug poisonings and overdose deaths since 2018.

CDC's provisional numbers indicate a 21.7% decrease in fatal drug poisonings between August 2023 and August 2022

In 2023, the United States lost 106,881 Americans to a drug poisoning or overdose death.

Nearly 70% of all drug poisonings and overdose deaths involve fentanyl.

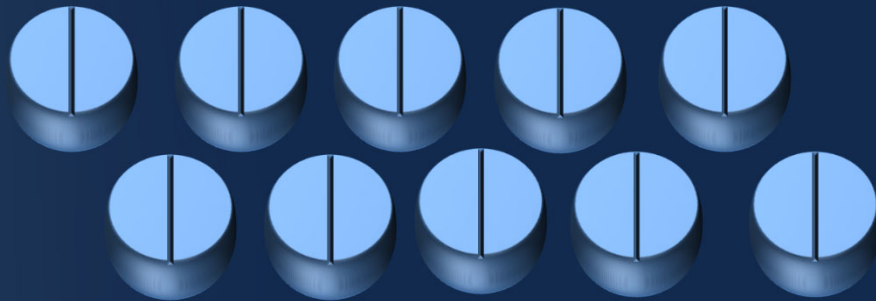
Approximately 30% involved methamphetamine



# Fentanyl Overview

For first time since 2021,  
DEA has seen a decrease in the potency of fentanyl pills.  
The latest DEA laboratory testing indicates 5 out of 10 pills  
tested in 2024 contain a potentially deadly dose of fentanyl.

2023- 7 out of 10 pills  
2022 – 6 out of 10 pills



**ONE PILL CAN KILL**

Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration  
**FAKE PILLS FACT SHEET**

FAKE PRESCRIPTION PILLS • WIDELY AVAILABLE • INCREASINGLY LETHAL

DEA LAB TESTING REVEALS THAT  
**5 OUT OF EVERY 10 PILLS**  
WITH FENTANYL CONTAIN A POTENTIALLY  
**LETHAL DOSE**

Fake pills often contain fentanyl and are more lethal than ever before. Just 2 mg of fentanyl is considered a potentially lethal dose.

Drug traffickers are using fake pills to exploit the opioid crisis and prescription drug misuse. In 2023, an estimated 107,543 people died by drug poisoning in the United States.

Fentanyl, the synthetic opioid most commonly found in fake pills, is the primary driver in this alarming number of poisoning deaths.

**Criminal drug networks are flooding the U.S. with deadly fake pills.**

- Criminal drug networks are mass-producing fake pills and falsely marketing them as legitimate prescription pills to deceive the American public.
- Fake pills are easy to purchase, widely available, often contain fentanyl or methamphetamine, and can be deadly.
- Fake prescription pills are easily accessible and often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms, making them available to anyone with a smartphone.
- Many fake pills are made to look like prescription opioids such as oxycodone (Oxycontin®, Percocet®), hydrocodone (Vicodin®), and alprazolam (Xanax®); or stimulants like amphetamines (Adderall®).



**AUTHENTIC**  
oxycodone  
M30 tablets

**\*FAKE**  
oxycodone M30 tablets  
containing fentanyl

For more information about fake pills, go to [DEA.gov/OnePill](https://www.dea.gov/OnePill)

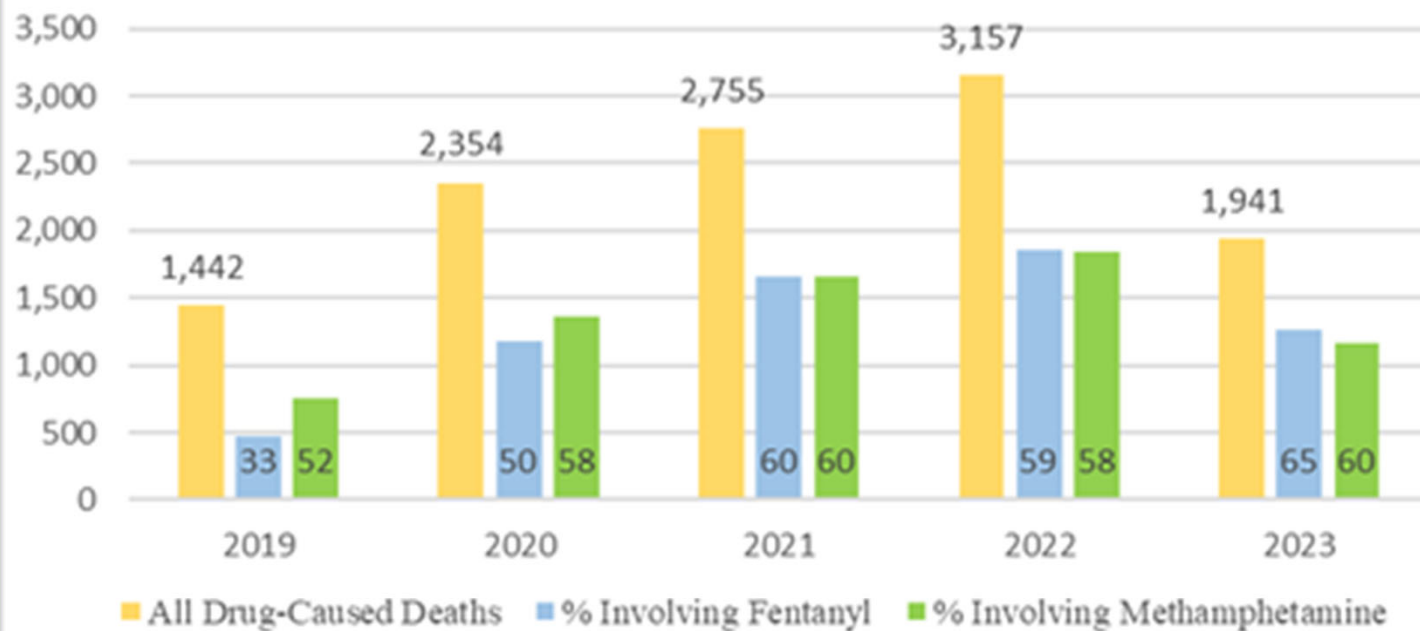


Data as of November 2024

\*Photos of fake pills do not represent all available fake pills.



## Los Angeles County Drug-Caused Death Cases





# Nitazene Overview

Nitazenes are a class of synthetic opioids that have been shown to have a similar or higher potency than fentanyl with similar harms.

Protonitazene and metonitazene are listed Schedule I controlled substances, meaning there are no approved medical uses in the United States, or anywhere else in the world.

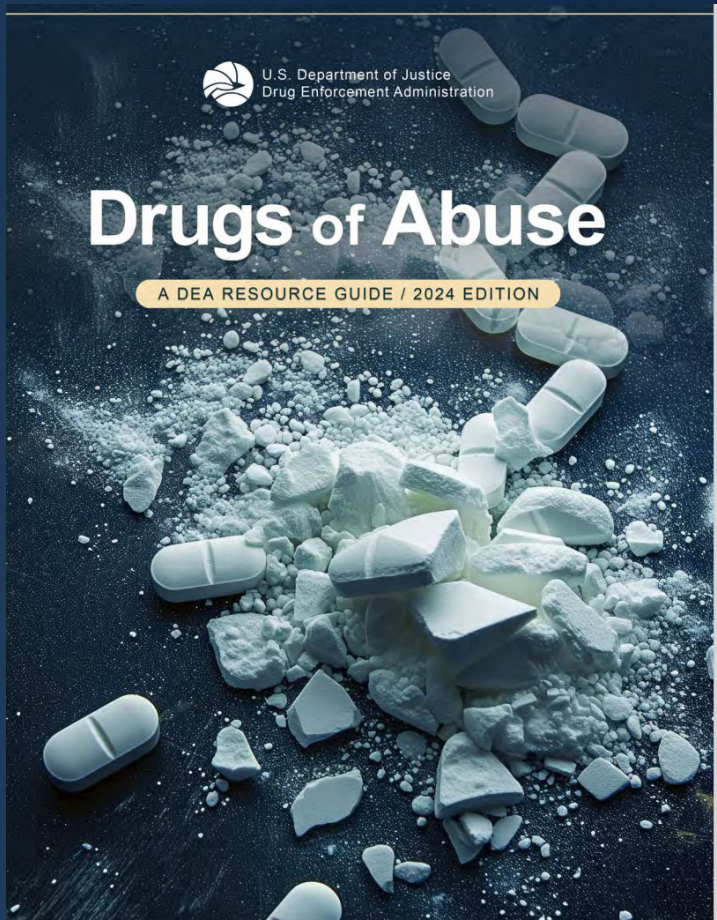
Protonitazene and metonitazene are often mixed with other opioids, such as fentanyl, to create more powerful combinations of dangerous opioids

In the Los Angeles Field Division, there was one case that contained

A Santa Clarita man has been arraigned on an indictment alleging he distributed protonitazene to a 22-year old victim.



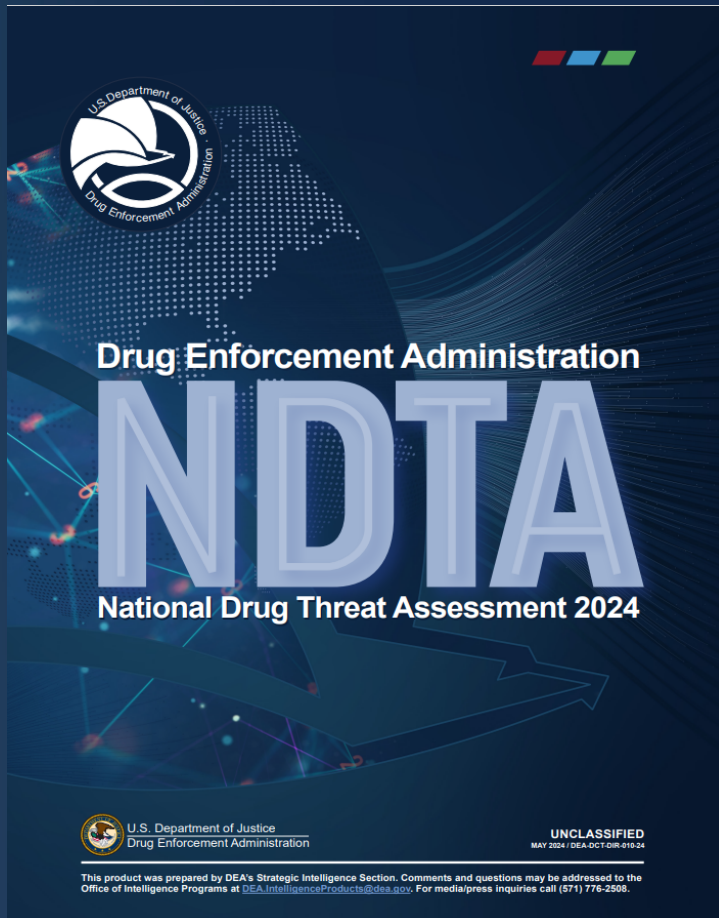
# DEA Publications



Drugs of Abuse, A DEA Resource Guide, is designed to be a reliable resource on the most commonly used and misused drugs in the United States. This comprehensive guide provides important information about the harms and consequences of drug use by describing a drug's effects on the body and mind, overdose potential, origin, legal status, and other key facts.



# DEA Publications



The 2024 National Drug Threat Assessment (NDTA) is a comprehensive strategic assessment of illicit drug threats endangering the United States. DEA's goal in publishing the NDTA is to save American lives by raising awareness and understanding of these threats. This annual assessment provides law enforcement agencies, policy makers, and prevention and treatment specialists with essential intelligence to assist in establishing law enforcement priorities, formulating counterdrug policies, and allocating resources..



# Together for Families



Too many families are grieving the death of a loved one due to substance use or coping with the stress that comes from loving a person affected by substance use or misuse. Fortunately, there are thousands of professionals and volunteers involved in all types of organizations who are in positions to help families help their loved one. The Drug Enforcement Administration is honored to partner with these organizations at the state, national and local level. Together for Families seeks to be a place where you can find information that helps you wherever you are on your journey.

## Together for Families Resources

These resources from DEA can help you learn more about substance use and how to take action to protect your family and community.





# DEA National Drug Take Back Day



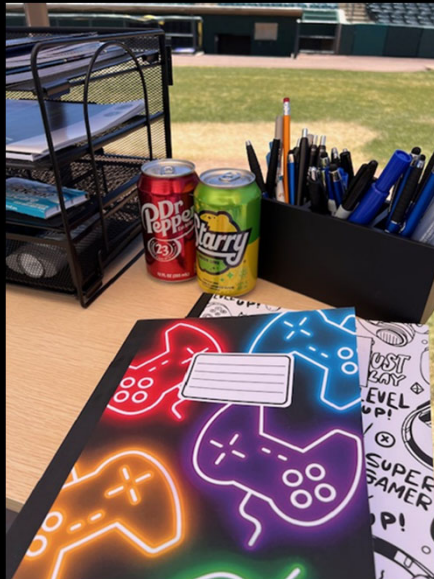


# Hidden in Plain Sight

## Do You Know What to Look For?



9v1ln; #v; #M}av; #Qvtu#



## HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Do you know what to look for?

### DID YOU KNOW...

Accidental drug overdose deaths are now the number one cause of accidental deaths in the United States ([cdc.gov/drugoverdose](https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose)).

More people misuse prescription opioids than use heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, and hallucinogens... COMBINED!

The United States makes up 5% of the world's population, yet consumes 99% of prescribed hydrocodone worldwide.

### ARE YOU AWARE EVERYDAY ITEMS CAN BE USED TO HIDE DRUGS AND PARAPHERNALIA?

#### THE BEDROOM

- Bags of Candy
- Behind Light Switch Plate
- Behind Posters
- Behind Wall Outlet Cover
- Belt Buckle
- "Binoculars" Fake Flask
- Books
- Breath Mint Containers
- Ceiling Fan and Lamps
- Chapstick & Lipstick
- Computers
- Curtain Rods & Hems
- Door Frame
- DVD Case
- Eye Glass Case
- Fish Tank
- Furniture
- Game Consoles
- Guitar
- Hair Brush
- Hand Sanitizers
- "Highlighters"

- Hollow "Batteries"
- Hollow Cans
- Inside Pillows
- Mattress & Box Spring
- "Mini Flashlight" Pipe
- Out of Season Clothes
- Pens & Staplers
- Picture Frames
- Pockets & Hems of Clothes
- Q-Tip Box
- Secret Compartments in Jewelry
- Small Key Chain Accessories
- Socks & Shoes
- Speakers
- Stuffed Animals
- "Suntan Lotion" Flask
- TV & Remote
- Tennis Ball
- Tootsie Rolls
- Top of Mini Blinds

Operation Engage.com

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**Thank you**

**Ruth Morales**

**Ruth.M.Morales@DEA.gov**

**Community Outreach Specialist**



## Countywide Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Management Program

# What is Household Hazardous Waste



- Any product labeled toxic, poison, combustible, corrosive, flammable, dangerous, or irritant
- Includes Electronic Waste and Universal Waste (Batteries, fluorescent bulbs, thermostats, etc.)



# Program Background



- Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program started in 1992
- Partnership with LA County Sanitation District, City of Los Angeles, and other organizations.
- Countywide – Serves all 88 cities + unincorporated areas



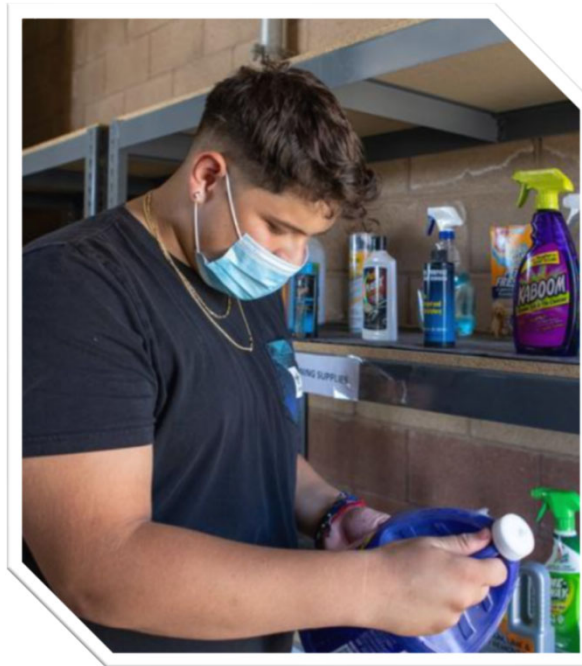
# Primary Components of the Program



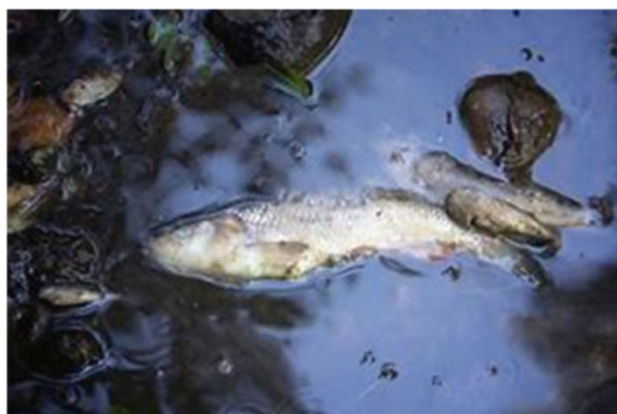
- Temporary Events
  - Hosted throughout LA County
- Permanent Centers
  - EDCO Recycling & Transfer (EDCO)
  - Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC)
  - S.A.F.E. Centers
  - Reuse Centers
- Additional Programs
  - Household Batteries
  - Used Motor Oil
  - Home-Generated Sharps Waste
  - Electronic Waste
  - Paintcare.com



# Reuse Centers



# Why is it important?



**Batteries  
Can Spark  
or Explode**



Do not put in the trash or recycling bin.



# Senate Bill 212

Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
**Public Health**

## Where and How Do I Dispose of Pharmaceuticals?

To find disposal drop-off locations or obtain mail-back supplies,

visit [medtakebackcalifornia.org](https://medtakebackcalifornia.org) or call (844) 4-TAKE-BACK or (844) 482-5322.

### Where to safely drop off your unwanted medicine in California

Use the search function below to find convenient locations with secure disposal drop-off locations or where you can obtain mail-back supplies. Call (844) 4-TAKE-BACK or (844) 482-5322 for more information or to order mail-back supplies.

Find a Location

Order Mail-Back Supplies

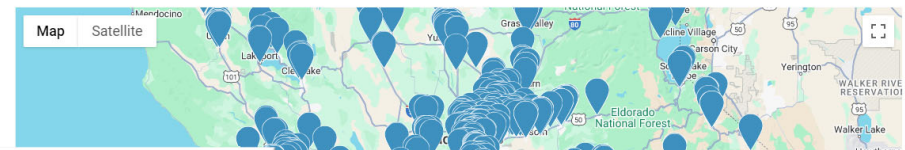


What's Accepted and What's Not?  
CA Home-Generated Sharps Program  
Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship - CalRecycle Home Page

### Find Convenient Locations

Enter your address below to find convenient locations.

address, city or zip code  Any Distance



# Senate Bill 212



## How Do I Dispose of Home-Generated Sharps Waste?

To order a free sharps waste container with mail-back materials, visit [sharpstakebackcalifornia.org](http://sharpstakebackcalifornia.org) or call (844) 4-TAKE-BACK or (844) 482-5322.



### Safe Disposal of Home-Generated Sharps Waste

#### Safely dispose of your home-generated sharps waste

Order a sharps mail-back package to be shipped directly to your residence for free. Click the button to order now. For more information on how to order a sharps mail-back package by phone, please call (844) 4-TAKE-BACK or (844) 482-5322.

[Order A Sharps Mail-Back Package](#)



Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship  
- CalRecycle Home Page

# Outreach



## TOO TOXIC TO TRASH DEMASIADO TOXICO PARA LA BASURA

Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste (HHW/E-Waste) Collection Event  
Evento de recolección de electrónicos y desechos domésticos peligrosos

FREE  
GRATUITO



**Saturday, May 25, 2024**  
**Sábado, 24 de mayo del 2024**

Southeast Rio Vista YMCA at Maywood Park  
57th Street and Heliotrope Ave.  
Maywood, CA 90270

Enter collection from Heliotrope Ave (rear parking lot)  
Ingresa a la colección desde Heliotrope Ave (estacionamiento trasero)  
**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Follow the transportation limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip. Business waste not accepted.

Siga el límite de transporte de 15 galones o 125 libras de desechos peligrosos por viaje. No se aceptan residuos comerciales.



### Properly dispose of:

- Medications and Sharps
- Electronic Waste
- Chemicals
- Paint and Solvents
- and much more!

Please visit [CleanLA.com](https://www.CleanLA.com)  
or call (888) CleanLA /  
(888) 253-2652 for a  
location near you.

### Deseche adecuadamente:

- Medicamentos y cortopunzantes (agujas y jeringas)
- Residuos electrónicos
- Productos químicos
- Pinturas y disolventes
- ¡y mucho más!

Por favor visite [CleanLA.com](https://www.CleanLA.com)  
o llame al (888) CleanLA /  
(888) 253-2652 para el evento  
de colección cerca de usted.

Los Angeles County Public Works  
900 S. Fremont Ave.  
Alhambra, CA 91803-1331

### Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship

Gestión de residuos farmacéuticos  
y punzocortantes

Get a FREE mail-back pharmaceutical  
package or a sharps waste container

Obtenga un paquete farmacéutico gratuito por  
correo o un contenedor para desechos punzantes

Visit [lacounty.gov/epd/hhw/Sharps](https://lacounty.gov/epd/hhw/Sharps) or scan  
QR Code below.

Visita o escanea el código QR a continuación



Name  
Address  
City, State, Zip

# Outreach



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
**Public Health**



Clean LA @CleanLA · 11/7/24 ...

📅 November is  
**#NationalDiabetesMonth!**  
Remember, lancets and sharps  
are hazardous waste and harmful  
to the environment. Make sure to  
dispose of them safely!

For drop-off locations or to  
request a mail-back container,  
check out [CleanLA.com](https://CleanLA.com).



LA County Public Works



Clean LA @CleanLA · 10/25/24 ...

Tomorrow, October 26th, is  
**#NationalPrescriptionDrugTakeBackDay!** Remember to 💊 Safely  
dispose of unused or expired  
medications to protect your  
family, community, and  
environment. To find a drop-off  
location near you, visit  
[CleanLA.com](https://CleanLA.com).



LA County Public Works



Clean LA @CleanLA · 9/26/24 ...

📅 LA County Residents! Don't  
throw away household hazardous  
waste including sharps and  
batteries in the trash. Drop them  
off safely at an HHW event! ♻️ For  
dates, times, and locations, visit  
[CleanLA.com](https://CleanLA.com). Let's keep our  
community safe and clean!  
**#HHW #CleanLA**



LA County Public Works

# Pharmaceuticals

Home » Household Hazardous Waste » Pharmaceuticals

Where to safely drop off unwanted medicine and get a **FREE** mail back envelope.

## Do...

For disposal locations:

- [Los Angeles County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events](#)
- [Los Angeles County Environmental Collection Centers](#)
- [Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship – CalRecycle Home Page](#)
- [DEA Control Substance Public Disposal Locations](#)
- [DEA Takeback Locator](#)
- [Don't Rush to Flush | Don't Rush to Flush](#)
- [Prescription Drug Resources from SAFE MED LA](#)

## Do Not...

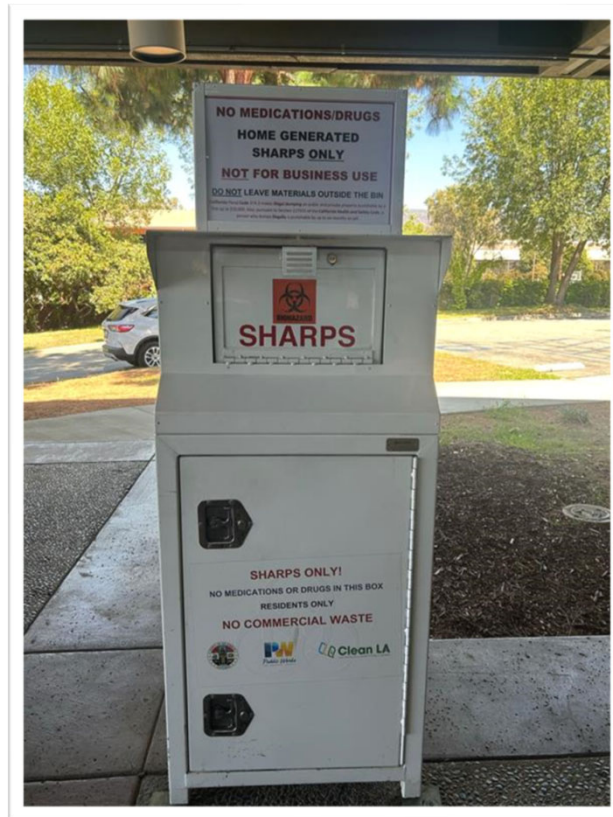
- Flush medications down the toilet or put them in the drains!



# Home-Generated Sharps



Altadena  
Carson  
Century  
City of Industry  
Compton  
Crescent Valley  
East LA  
Lakewood  
Lancaster  
Lomita  
Lost Hills



Marina Del Rey  
Norwalk  
Palmdale  
Pico Rivera  
San Dimas  
South LA  
Temple  
Walnut  
West  
Hollywood





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# Data Update: Let's Make a Difference

Albert Melena, Executive Director  
San Fernando Valley Partnership (SFVP)

Tomas Robles, Program Director, SFVP



# LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## County Goal 4:

Decrease prescription drug misuse and abuse among youth and adults.





When it comes to preventing the potential harms associated with prescription drug misuse or abuse, we can all take:

# 3 STEPS

*to keep our families and communities safe from the dangers of Rx medications.*

- 1 SAFE STORAGE** KEEP RX MEDICATIONS SECURE AND OUT OF REACH. HOME, IS MOST OFTEN, THE NUMBER ONE SOURCE OF ACCESS TO RX MEDICATIONS FOR TEENS!
- 2 NOT SHARING** NEVER SHARE RX MEDICATIONS! SHARING RX MEDICATIONS CAN LEAD TO MISUSE & ABUSE, OR EVEN AN OVERDOSE!
- 3 SAFE DISPOSAL** PROPERLY DISPOSE OF ALL RX MEDICATIONS. DISPOSING OF UNUSED OR EXPIRED RX MEDICATIONS WILL REDUCE THE RISK OF MISUSE OR ABUSE



The “Let’s Make a Difference” campaign is a community-level prevention initiative based on the **2017 SAPC Community Needs Assessment**, which identified home, friends, and family as key sources of youth access to opioids and other prescription medications.

The campaign promotes three core *safe medication practices*—safe storage, safe disposal, and not sharing medications—grounded in national best practices recommended by **the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)** to combat prescription drug abuse and reduce the risk of misuse and substance use disorders.

# When It Comes To Rx Misuse/Abuse

2017 SAPC Community Needs Assessment

- ❖ 55% of those who misused or abused Rx medications, **used opioids**;
- ❖ **Home is a major source of access** to Rx medications; and
- ❖ Those who abuse or misuse Opioids and other Rx medications get them from friends or family



Notes: Only those who had ever misused prescription medication were asked this question. Easy Access includes response options "Very Easy" and "Somewhat Easy."

# DEVELOPMENT OF THE “LET’S MAKE A DIFFERENCE” CAMPAIGN



DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back



## SPA-2 Rx Safety Webinar Series

San Fernando Valley Partnership, Inc. (SPVPCIA) Communities in Action

ZOOM Meeting ID: 873 6555 3287  
Passcode: 301397

**Rx SAFETY WEBINAR Series**

**MONDAYS 3PM**  
Dates: Mar 29, Apr 5, Apr 12, Apr 19, Apr 26

@sfvpcia

**Rx Misuse & Abuse - Mar 29**  
Phoenix House will increase the community's awareness of prescription misuse and abuse.

**Consequences & Dangers - Apr 5**  
Pueblo y Salud will discuss the consequences, risks and harms of misusing prescription drugs and opioids.

**Overdose & Naloxone - Apr 12**  
Tarazona Treatment Centers will discuss what occurs during an opioid overdose and how naloxone can reverse it.

**Rx Safety - Apr 19**  
NCAADSPV will discuss the importance of using a lockbox for prescription safe storage and where to dispose of unwanted medication safely in the community.

**Call to Action - Apr 26**  
Communities in Action will summarize the importance of preventing the misuse and abuse of prescription medications, while issuing a Call to Action that includes safe storage & disposal and not sharing medication.

Communities in Action will be hosting a series of ZOOM sessions on Rx Safety, which will lead to DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back on Saturday, April 24, 2021

\*Spanish translation will be provided

**DEA NATIONAL Rx TAKEBACK**

**ABOUT US**  
Communities in Action is a coalition of community members, leaders and local agencies from Service Planning Area (SPA) 2 addressing alcohol and other drug availability and accessibility. Our goal is to decrease substance use among youth and young adults.

For more information, please call  
**(818) 837-7767**

Made possible by funds from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control

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## WORK PLAN PROGRESSION OF EFFORTS:

LMD represents a progression of efforts within the Strategic Prevention Framework.

## LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE "Hagamos la Diferencia"

To prevent misuse and abuse of prescription medications



**I PLEDGE TO KEEP MY HOME SAFE BY:**  
Securing and properly disposing of  
all unused or expired medications,  
and never sharing my  
medications.

NAME:

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Substance Abuse Prevention and Control.

**3 STEPS** *to keep our families  
and communities safe*  
1 Safe Storage  
2 Not Sharing  
3 Safe Disposal

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San Fernando, CA 91340  
P: (818) 837-7717

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## LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE "Hagamos la Diferencia"

To prevent misuse and abuse of prescription medications



**ME COMPROMETO A MANTENER MI HOGAR SEGURO AL:**  
Asegurar y desechar adecuadamente  
todos los medicamentos no utilizados  
o vencidos, y nunca compartir mis  
medicamentos.

NOMBRE:

Este material es posible gracias a fondos del Departamento de Salud Pública  
del Condado de Los Angeles, Prevención y Control del Abuso de Sustancias.

**3 PASOS** *para mantener la  
seguridad de nuestras  
familias y comunidades*  
1 Asegurar  
2 No Compartir  
3 Desechar

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# Let's Make a Difference Rx Safe Home Pledge

**Rx Safe Home Pledge:** The Safe Home Pledge promotes behavior change via pledge to secure, not share and properly dispose of all expired or unused medications.

"As the campaign engages pharmacies and other strategic partners, the 'behavior change message' will extend across Los Angeles County, aiming to make safe medication practices as routine as recycling."

(Kantor and Glodim, 2010; Redinger, 1992)



✓ Consent form

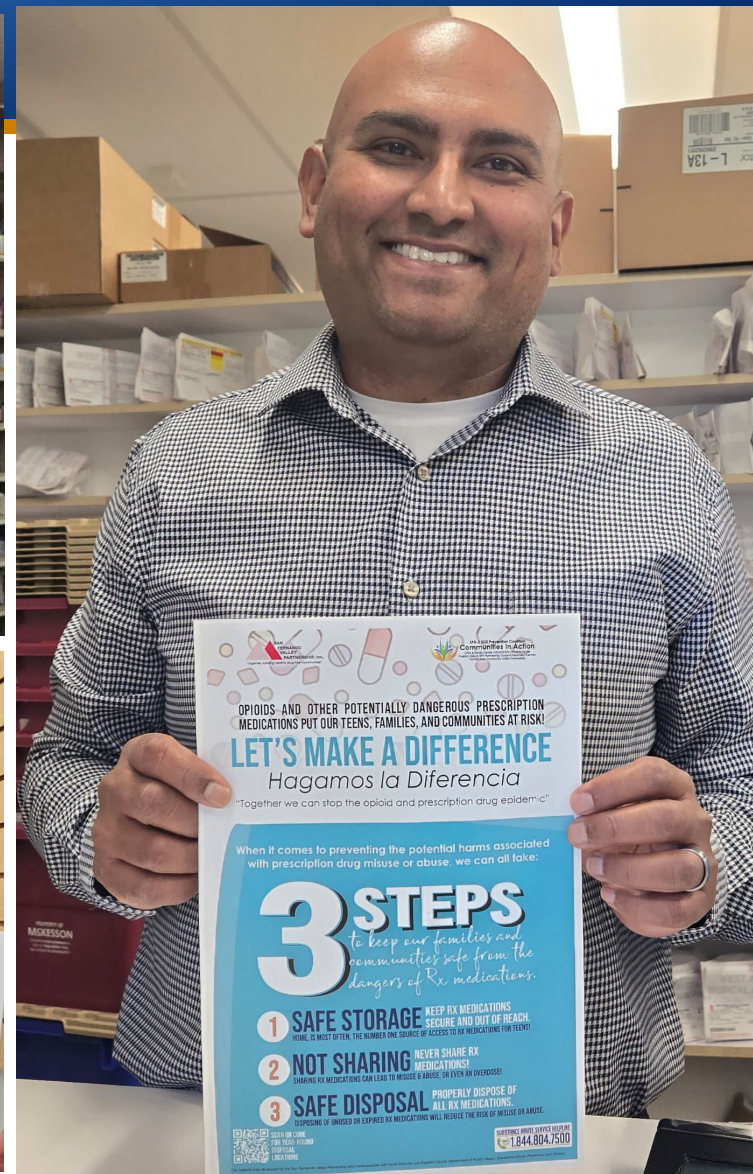
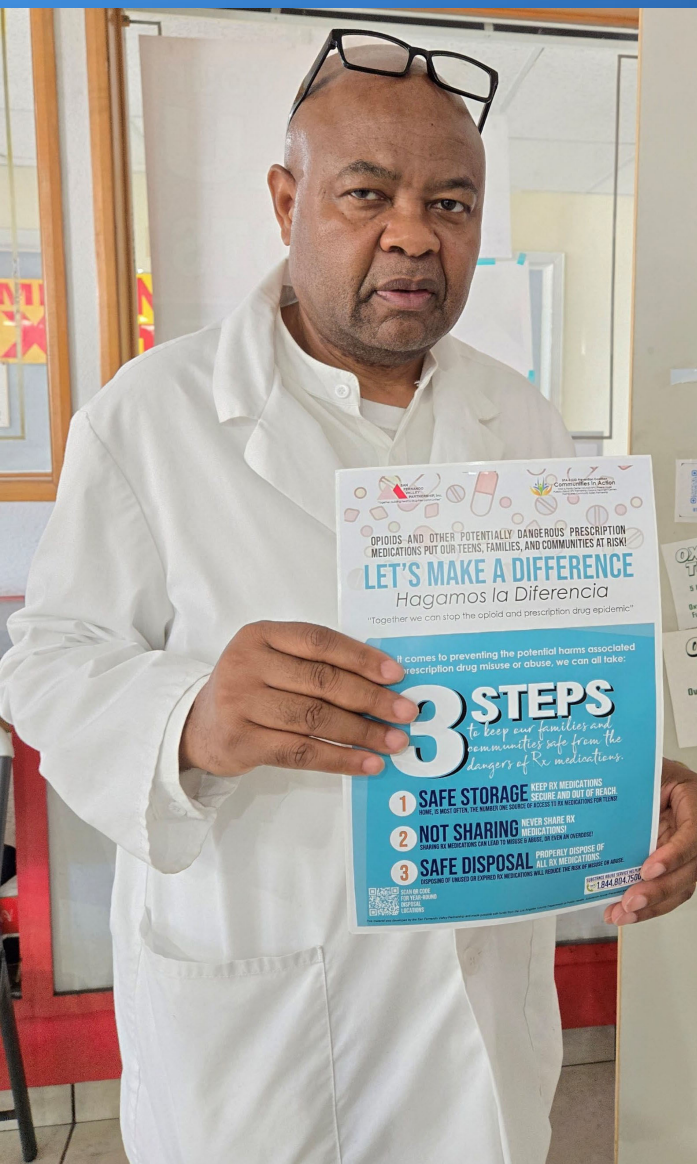
Van Nuys Medical Pharmacy Inc.

## Let's Make a Difference

# Pharmacy Engagement

**Pharmacy Engagement** – The pharmacy engagement component will recruit and engage a cadre of independent pharmacies – eventually expanding to larger pharmacies or medical groups as the campaign grows in popularity.

Participating Pharmacies can distribute campaign materials, flyers for the annual DEA Take Back events, promote alternate disposal locations and options.





Officers  
*President: Andres Rubalcava*  
*Vice President of Administration: Brielle Acevedo*  
*Vice President of Communications: Donald Zelaya*  
*Treasurer: George Ortega*  
*Secretary: Kathy Bloom*

Dear Community Stakeholder,

The Sylmar Neighborhood Council is deeply concerned about the potential harms associated with opioids and other prescription medications. In fact, every eleven minutes, someone in the United States dies from an opioid overdose. As a Neighborhood Council, we understand the importance of prevention and would like to express our support for the San Fernando Valley Partnership's "Let's Make a Difference" Opioid and Rx prevention campaign.

The San Fernando Valley Partnership, a substance abuse prevention organization funded by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, has worked with our neighborhood council on efforts to prevent underage drinking, along with other efforts to keep our young people safe. Most recently, they have developed the "Let's Make a Difference" campaign that works to reduce youth access to opioids and other prescription medications by promoting "safe medication practices:" 1. Safe storage; 2. Not sharing medications; and 3. Properly disposing of all unused or expired prescription medications.

We would like to encourage your pharmacy or organization to implement the "Let's Make a Difference" campaign at your respective location to support this tremendous effort and help reduce the likelihood of our young people misusing or abusing prescription medications. Please contact Tomas Robles at 818-837-7767 to learn more about the campaign and resources available to you at no cost.

Sincerely,

Andres Rubalcava  
President

# Engaging Neighborhood Councils

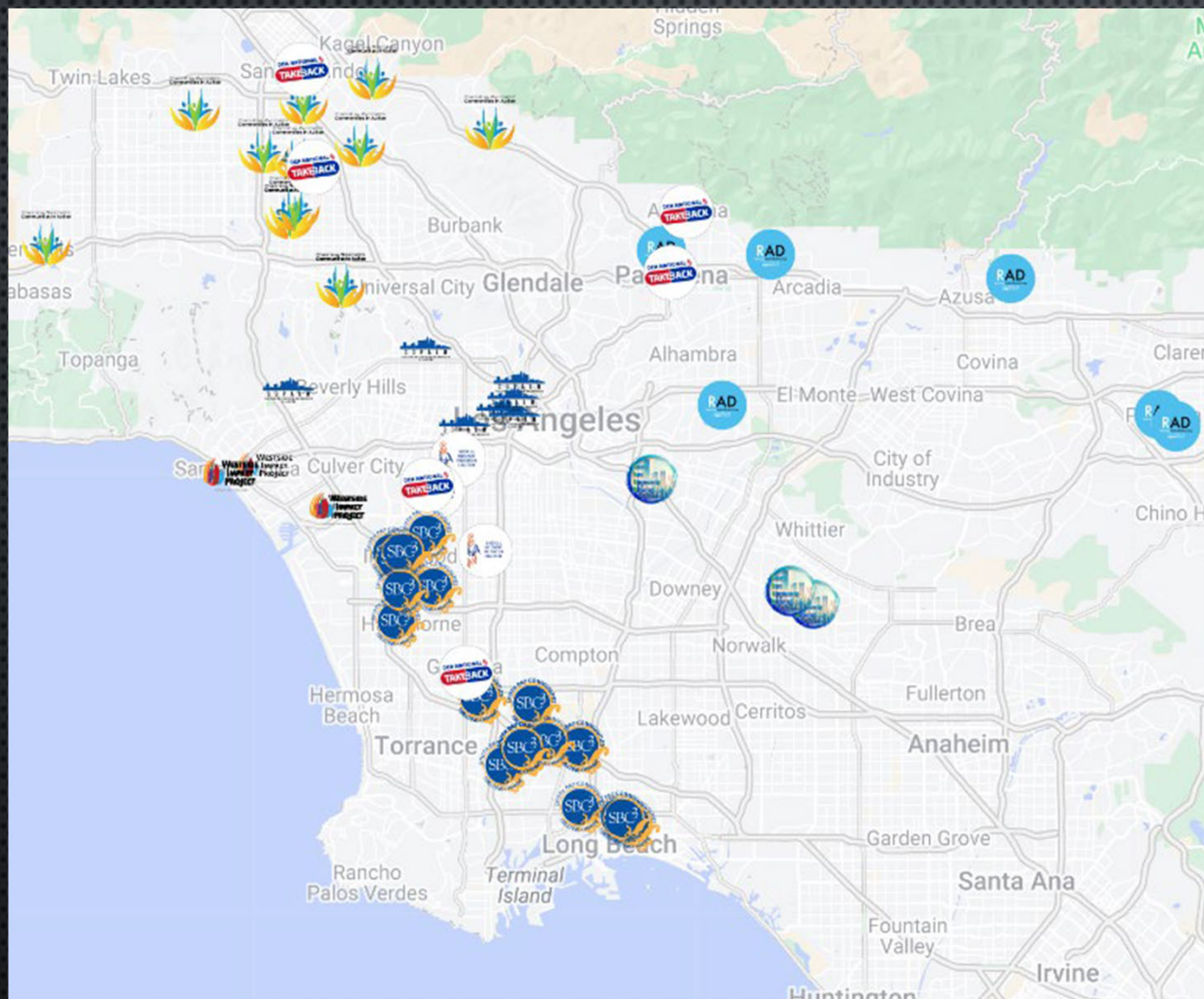
Letter to Pharmacists from Neighborhood Council in the City of Los Angeles

▶ “Building a base of support”

▶ “We would like to encourage your pharmacy or organization to implement the “Let’s Make a Difference” campaign at your respective location to support this tremendous effort and help reduce the likelihood of our young people misusing or abusing prescription medications.”







## Let's Make a Difference Community Pop-up Map



Scan to see LIVE MAP of all  
pop-ups across LA County

## DEA TAKE BACK DAY

The decrease in prescription medications collected at DEA Take Back Events indicates increased awareness and proactive measures for the safe disposal of unused or expired medications.

**This shift highlights the importance of continued public education and access to safe disposal options as part of a comprehensive prevention strategy.**

Data from CalRecycle indicates that **more people are utilizing year-round disposal sites**, a trend reinforced by the strategies implemented through the *Let's Make a Difference* campaign.



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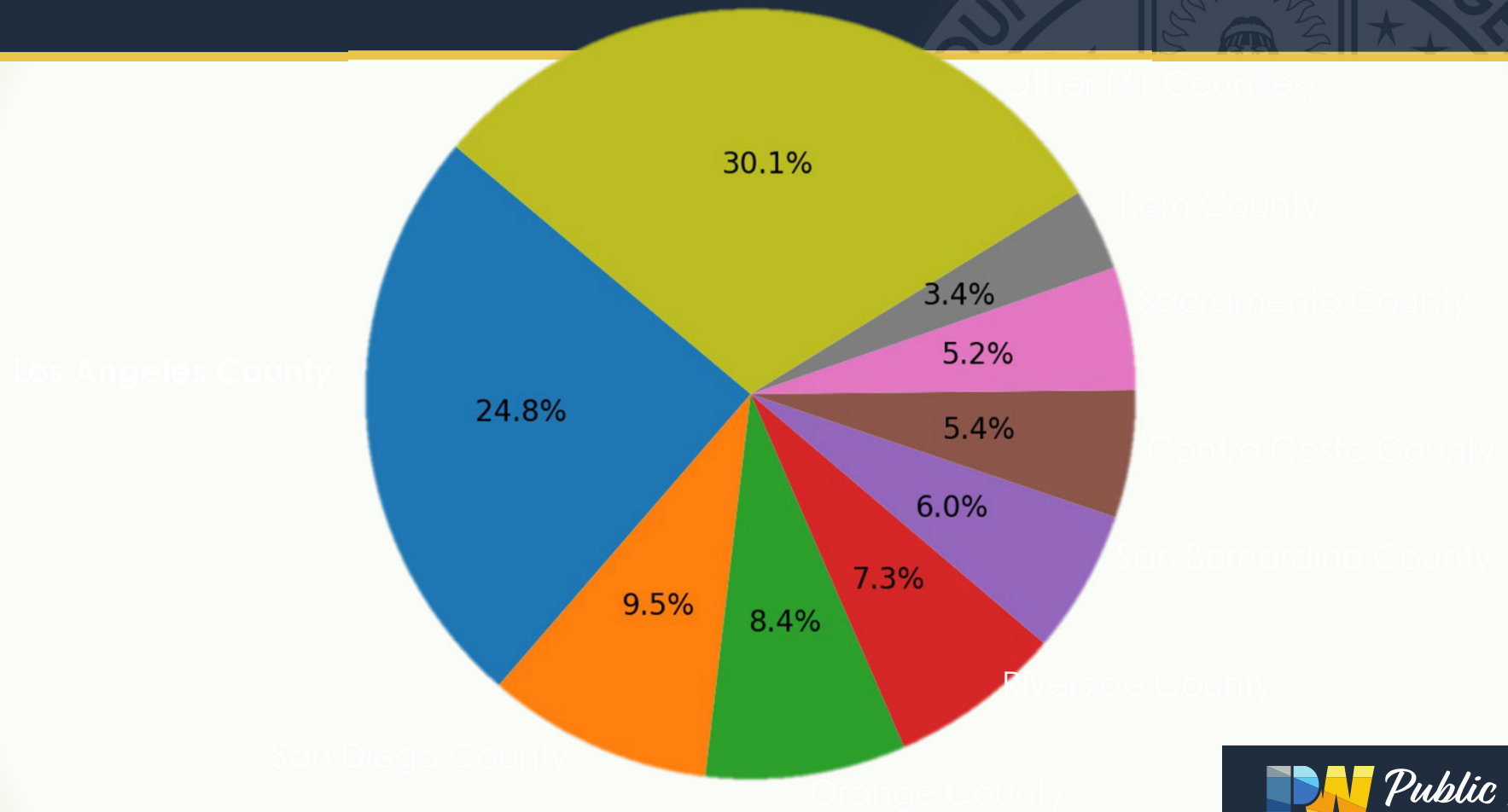
### Pounds of Medications Collected DEA Drug Take Back Days, FY 22-23 & FY 23-24



Source: DEA

# DISTRIBUTION OF MED-PROJECT DISPOSAL LOCATIONS ACROSS CALIFORNIA

MED-Project 2023 Drugs Annual Report Attachment G



# MED Project Safe Disposal Locations In LA County Across 2021 -2023

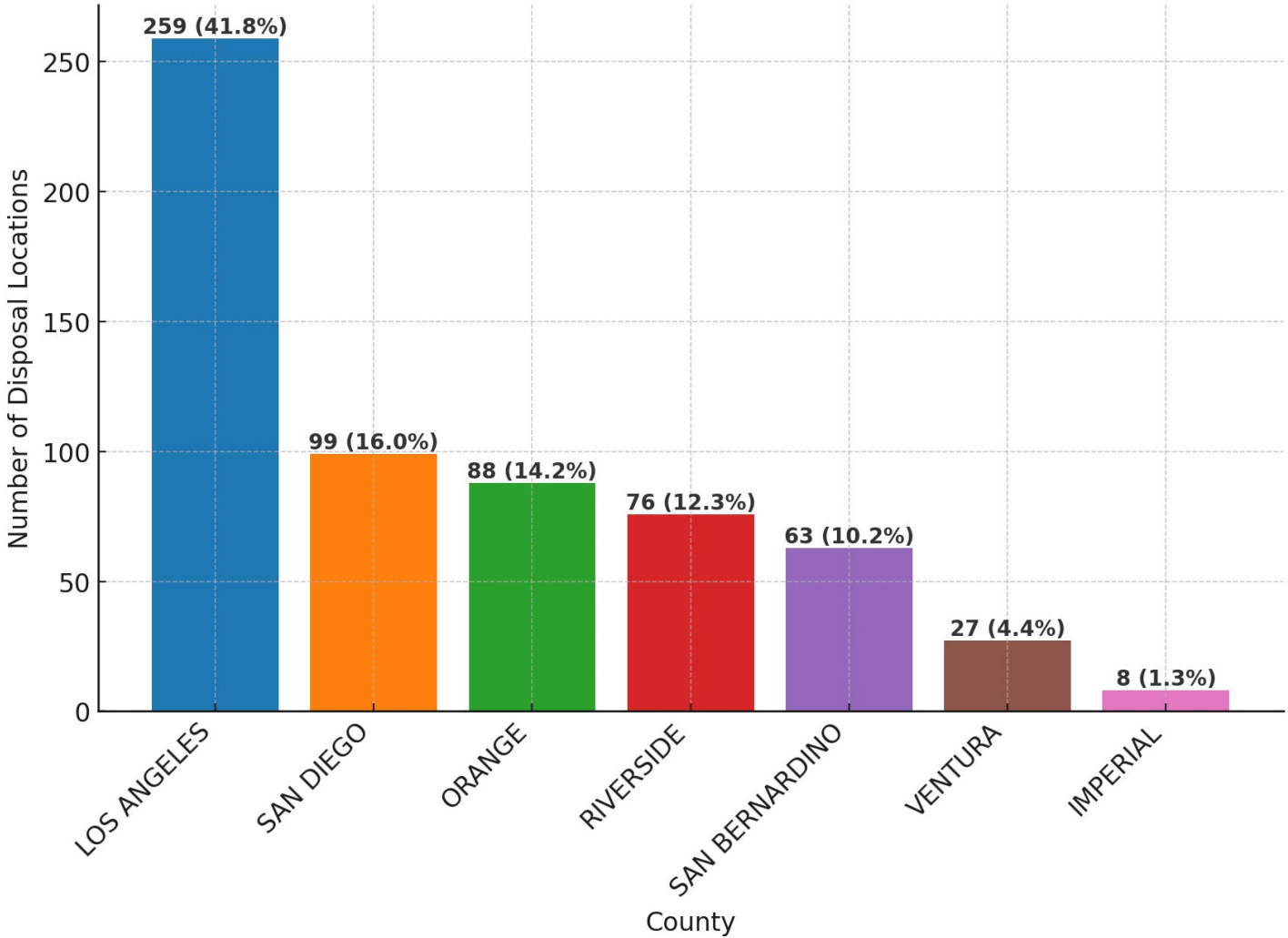
Year	Number of Locations
2021	65
2022	258
2023	259

## Breakdown of MED Project Safe Disposal Locations by SPA

Service Planning Area	Number of Disposal Locations
Service Planning Area 1 (Antelope Valley)	14
Service Planning Area 2 (San Fernando Valley)	40
Service Planning Area 3 (San Gabriel Valley)	35
Service Planning Area 4 (Metro)	3
Service Planning Area 5 (West)	9
Service Planning Area 6 (South LA)	8
Service Planning Area 7 (East)	33
Service Planning Area 8 (South Bay)	37
Uncategorized	80

"All data used in this analysis was sourced from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and derived from the **MED Project Annual Reports**. The data can be accessed at the following link: [CalRecycle EPR Pharma Reports](#)."

# Distribution of MED Project Safe Disposal Locations by County in Southern California





## MED-Project Annual Reports

**2022 Annual Report (August 21, 2023):  
1,017 Disposal Locations - 277,037 Pounds**

**2023 Annual Report (March 29, 2024) :  
1,046 Disposal Locations - 558,210 Pounds**



The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has recognized the importance of year-round medication disposal options. In 2023, the DEA launched "**Every Day is Take Back Day**," encouraging communities to utilize permanent disposal sites, aiming to make every day a take-back day.

2024 MED-Project Annual Report Not Currently Available

# Announcements



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