

Prescription Precautions

When picking up prescriptions from the pharmacy, be cautious getting them to the car and home.

The abuse of prescribed medication is increasing, and as a result your routine prescriptions are valuable to thieves and addicts.

Precautions to consider:

- 1. When checking out, ask to have all prescription packages inside another less conspicuous retail bag.
- 2. Be aware of anyone loitering around the pharmacy counter or storefront. If you feel uncomfortable or suspicious of some thing or someone, notify a store employee right away.
- 3. Consider using the pharmacy drive-thru window, if there is one available. Keep in mind most drive-thru windows are normally around back and away from traffic. If you choose to use this option keep your windows up and doors locked while waiting.
- 4. Never leave prescription bags visible in the car, consider storing them in a purse, backpack, diaper bag, glove compartment, or briefcase on the way home.
- 5. Once you reach home, carry your prescription meds directly into your home without drawing attention to yourself, stopping for the mail, newspaper, etc.

Board of County Commissioner goals are to reduce property, violent and overall crime by 2015. These tips are intended to increase your awareness and help avoid crime. If you have a proven prevention or awareness tip that can be shared, please fax it to 276-2630 for consideration and possible distribution. If you have questions, regarding this tip please call 276-2888. Criminal Justice 12-May-08

