

REALTORS: WARN YOUR CLIENTS ABOUT PRESCRIPTION DRUG THEFT



An open house can be a 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 nightstands and the kitchen.
- Keep prescription drugs locked up with other valuables.
- Dispose of any unneeded prescription medications. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration provides medication disposal guidelines: <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/UnderstandingOver-the-CounterMedicines/ucm107163.pdf>
- Report any stolen prescription drugs to the police.



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