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Lieutenant Governor Kevin Bryant announced today that in conjunction with National Drug Take-Back Day, this Saturday, October 28th, the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging will provide secure prescription drug take-back boxes to law enforcement agencies across South Carolina. "Prescription drug misuse and abuse is rising dramatically in South Carolina, and one way to fight it is to get old and unused drugs out of medicine cabinets and into proper disposal facilities", he said.

The Office on Aging will partner with the regional Area Agencies on Aging to distribute the boxes to local law enforcement. Lieutenant Governor Bryant said that, "many law enforcement offices have secure boxes, but many do not. Our goal is make sure that every law enforcement agency that wants a secure box receives one. We want every community in South Carolina to have the opportunity to dispose of their prescription drugs safely."

Lieutenant Governor Bryant said that, "Law enforcement agencies need only call the Office on Aging, starting next week, and we will route the boxes to them as soon as possible. We look forward to helping local law enforcement protect their communities by ridding them of unused and unneeded prescription drugs."