

WisGOP: In the News: Attorney General Schimel fights opioid abuse in Wisconsin

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[Madison, WI] — Saturday marked Drug Take Back Day across the country. In Wisconsin, Attorney General Brad Schimel is helping lead the fight against opioid abuse to keep Wisconsin families safe.

Check out news of Attorney General Schimel's efforts to fight opioid abuse in Wisconsin:

From CBS 58: *Saturday was drug take-back day throughout the state of Wisconsin. The event gives anyone a safe place for anyone to drop off unused medications – so the drugs don't get into water systems, or in the hands of someone they're not prescribed to.*

From WQOW: *Wisconsin's Attorney General was in our area on Monday, to promote the spring Drug Take Back Day. Drug Take Back Day is focused on getting unwanted medication, both prescription and over the counter, to proper discarding locations.*

From WBAY: *"Over 70 percent of the time when people start abusing those painkillers, they did not directly get them from a doctor and they did not get them from a traditional street-level drug dealer. They got them over 70 percent of the time from a family member or a friend," said Wisconsin Attorney General, Brad Schimel.*

From the Poynette Press: *"In 2016, opioids killed 827 people in Wisconsin," said*

Schimmel. “We know that more than two thirds of people who have abused prescription painkillers first got them illegally from a friend or family member. Every household in Wisconsin has the ability to help stop the opioid epidemic and save lives by storing prescription drugs securely and disposing of unused medication on Drug Take Back Day.”