

## **Sharps Compliance, Inc. Announces Contest to Give Away 20 MedSafe® Collection Receptacles and Liners for Expired Medications**

*Drug disposal solution designed to tackle medication abuse; provides a safe way to dispose of unused drugs*

Houston, Texas ([PRWEB](#)) May 01, 2017 -- Sharps Compliance, Inc. is committed to helping communities dispose of unused medications to combat the adverse effect of the growing epidemic of prescription drug abuse and accidental poisonings. Sharps is running a contest for a chance to win one of twenty (20) MedSafe medication disposal collection receptacles along with a year's worth of inner liners, which facilitate the safe and secure destruction of collected medications.

To date, Sharps' solutions (MedSafe and TakeAway envelopes) have facilitated the proper destruction of over 310,000 pounds of unused medications, including controlled substances. The twenty MedSafe solutions to be given away are expected to facilitate the disposal of an additional 10,000 pounds of unused medications on an annual basis.

To be eligible for the contest and in accordance with the applicable DEA regulations, your facility must fall into one of the following categories:

- Retail pharmacy;
- Narcotic treatment;
- Long-term care;
- Law enforcement; or
- Hospital with on-site pharmacy.

Enter by visiting [www.sharpsinc.com/medsafe/promotion](http://www.sharpsinc.com/medsafe/promotion). The contest will run from May 1, 2017 until July 31, 2017. No purchase is necessary to enter. Value of Promotion ranges from \$4,320 for an 18-Gallon MedSafe up to a value of \$4,350 for a 38-Gallon MedSafe, both with thirteen inner liners. Eligible participants are limited to the United States, except the states of Rhode Island, Arkansas, Connecticut, Hawaii, Alaska, Mississippi, and Missouri, the territory of Puerto Rico, or where prohibited by law. For official rules, visit [www.sharpsinc.com/medsafe/promotion](http://www.sharpsinc.com/medsafe/promotion).

MedSafe is an ultimate-user unused medication collection and disposal system. This easy-to-operate system accepts controlled (Schedules II-V), non-controlled, and over-the-counter medicines. The MedSafe program operates under, and is in compliance with, the October 2014 DEA rules and regulations.

Since the release of the updated DEA disposal regulations in 2014, Sharps Compliance – a nationwide provider of management services for medical waste and unused medication – has sold or leased about 800 MedSafe collection receptacles. Customers have returned over 5,500 inner liners with nearly 250,000 pounds of unused medications.

“We believe that making proper disposal of unused medications available to all citizens is a vital component in the prevention of prescription drug abuse and accidental poisonings while keeping the water supply safe. We further believe that by placing unused medications in an approved collection receptacle, consumers are decreasing the chance of diversion and abuse of drugs,” said David P. Tusa, President and Chief Executive



Officer of Sharps Compliance.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “More than 300,000 Americans have lost their lives to opioids—prescription and illicit—since 2000. In 2013, prescription opioid dependence, abuse, and overdose cost the United States \$78.5 billion.”

Two-thirds of Americans don’t know what to do with unused prescription drugs, according to a nationwide survey of 1,000 adults conducted by Sharps Compliance. The findings showed that 2 out of 3 people either toss their medications into the trash or flush them down the toilet, potentially threatening the safety of others, their municipal water systems, and the environment.

MedSafe prevents unused and expired medications from circulating into community water supplies due to improper disposal. It can also reduce the chance of accidental poisoning of drugs by individuals by providing a safe and convenient disposal option.

The MedSafe solution is patent-pending (U.S. Patent Application No. 14/533381 entitled, “Systems and Methods for Collecting, Transporting and Repurposing or Destroying Unused Pharmaceuticals,” a copy of which published on June 4, 2015 as US20150152348 and commercialized with our MedSafe™ solution offering).

Tusa added, “We are excited about the contest and making proper disposal of unused medications, including controlled substances, more available in our country.”

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About Sharps Compliance, Inc.

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, Sharps Compliance is a leading full-service national provider of comprehensive waste management services, including medical, pharmaceutical, and hazardous. Its key markets include healthcare providers, assisted living/long-term care facilities, retail pharmacies and clinics, and the professional market which is comprised of physicians, surgery centers, dentists, and veterinary practices. Sharps also provides the MedSafe collection receptacles, a simple solution for safe and easy disposal of unused medications, including controlled substances.

More information on Sharps Compliance and its products can be found on its website at [www.sharpsinc.com](http://www.sharpsinc.com).



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