

# AAOA Poll Highlights Need for Robust Consumer Education Effort to Address Opioid Abuse Epidemic

Survey Shows Lack of Awareness Around Safe Use,  
Storage and Disposal of Prescription Opioids



**Approximately 36%**

said they **did not know they needed to dispose** of leftover prescription opioids.



**Nearly 30%**

said they **did not know how to safely dispose of opioids**, raising concerns about the likelihood of abuse or misuse by friends or family members.



**Only 22%**

said that their pharmacist or healthcare provider has **discussed safe storage or disposal** of opioids.

**More than 80%**

believed **more dialogue between patients and their healthcare providers** around the safe use of opioids could help address the opioid crisis.

**Approximately 80%**

pointed to **increased public education** as an important step to reversing the trend.

**More than 70%**

said **detailed instructions from pharmacists** would make a meaningful difference in addressing the crisis.



AAOA is taking this issue on directly by raising awareness about the rights, risks and responsibilities associated with opioid use to ensure patients and their families know how to safely and properly use, store and dispose of opioids. To learn more, visit [www.AgainstOpioidAbuse.org](http://www.AgainstOpioidAbuse.org) or follow us on Twitter: @AAOA\_Tweets.

Allied Against Opioid Abuse is a national education and awareness initiative to help prevent abuse and misuse of prescription opioids. Our goal is to contribute to solving the opioid crisis in a meaningful way by educating patients about their rights, risks and responsibilities.

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