



Laws to Protect Personal Information¹

These laws were passed to provide increased protection for Hawaii consumers regarding their personal information. A violation of any provision of these laws can result in a fine of up to \$2,500.

Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)

HRS 487J - Personal Information Protection: Prohibits a business or government agency from intentionally communicating or otherwise making available to the general public an individual's entire social security number. Specifies the purposes for which a business may scan the machine-readable zone of an individual's identification card or driver's license.

HRS 487N - Security Breach of Personal Information: Requires a business or government agency to provide notice to an individual if there has been unauthorized access to the individual's personal information which was being retained by the business or government agency and illegal use of the personal information has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur.

HRS 487R - Destruction of Personal Information Records: Requires a business or government agency that possesses personal information of individuals to properly dispose of personal information contained in papers or electronic media such that the information cannot be read or reconstructed.



Hawaii Medication Take Back Program

Hawaii residents can bring their unused or expired medication for safe, anonymous disposal at a scheduled Hawaii Medication Take Back Program. For more information, call (808) 837-8470

Why should we care?

- Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are high. Approximately 6.8 million Americans abuse prescription drugs rather than abusing heroin, LSD, and inhalants.²
- Most prescription drug abusers get pills from family and friends.³
- Hawaii is 1 of 29 states where drug overdose deaths exceeded vehicle accident deaths.⁴

State of Hawaii Prescription Drug Disposal Law:

- Hawaii pharmacies, hospitals, clinics, physicians are NOT ALLOWED to take back your unused medications.
- You can turn in your unused or expired medication at a Hawaii Medication Take Back program

1. 487 Hawaii Revised Statutes. Sections 487J, 487N, and 487R. Hawaii State Legislature. Web. http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol11_Ch0476-0490/HRS0487/HRS_0487-.htm. Date retrieved: 3/19/2015.

2. Approximately 6.8 million Americans. (January 2014). DrugFacts: Nationwide Trend. *National Institute on Drug Abuse*. Retrieved online: <http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/nationwide-trends>. Date retrieved: 12/5/2014.

3. Most prescription drug abusers get it. (March 4, 2014). Most prescription drug abusers get pills from friends, not drug dealers: CDC. *New York Daily News*. Retrieved online: <http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/health/prescription-drug-abusers-pills-friends-article-1.1710292>. Date retrieved: 12/5/2014.

4. Garcia, Oskar. (October 8, 2013). Isles' overdose deaths increase 68% in 11 years. *Star Advertiser*. Retrieved online: http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/20131008_Isles_overdose_deaths_increase_68_in_11_years.html?id=226876501. Date retrieved: 12/5/2014.



KUPUNA ALERT PARTNERS

The Kupuna Alert Partners (KAP) was formed as a partnership between:

- **Department of the Attorney General**
Crime Prevention & Justice Assistance Division, Community & Crime Prevention Branch
- **Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs**
Office of the Securities Commissioner
- **Department of Health**
Executive Office on Aging, Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Hawaii
- **Department of Public Safety**
Narcotics Enforcement Division

This multi-agency partnership offers presentations and information on Medicare and Securities fraud prevention and prescription drug misuse to the community. A team made up of representatives from the agencies listed above conducts these FREE presentations statewide upon request.

For more information on scheduling a KAP presentation, contact:



Department of the Attorney General:
(808) 586-1487



Executive Office on Aging:
(808) 586-7319

Department of the Attorney General



Crime Prevention & Justice Assistance Division
Community & Crime Prevention Branch

The Community and Crime Prevention Branch is one of five branches under the Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division, Department of the Attorney General. The branch is responsible for the planning and implementation of informational and educational workshops and activities focused on community crime prevention. While criminal justice agencies can respond to crimes, it is the neighborhoods and communities that can help to prevent and reduce crimes. The Branch:

- provides awareness and training on identity theft, frauds and scams, Internet safety, and alcohol and substance abuse prevention.
- coordinates and participates in community events that promote safe neighborhoods.
- is the statewide coordinator for the McGruff, Take a Bite Out of Crime campaign.
- participates in government and community coalitions that address the safety and well-being of the community. For example, coalitions on drug-free communities, underage drinking prevention, sexual violence prevention, and senior safety.

For more information:



Call us at **(808) 586-1444**



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Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs



Office of the Securities Commissioner

We Regulate. The Securities Compliance Branch is responsible for the registration of securities, broker-dealers and their sales agents, investment advisers and their representatives.



Call us to check registration:
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Department of Health



Executive Office on Aging
Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Hawaii

The Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Hawaii is funded by the United States Administration for Community Living to help beneficiaries, family members and caregivers Protect, Detect, and Report.

Protect: Protect your personal information and Medicare number, review Medicare statements, review your credit report, etc.

Detect: Keep a journal and compare your recorded visits to your medical statements.

Report: Don't get pressured into giving your Medicare number to anyone. If you have been victimized, report it right away!

SMP Hawaii trains and coordinates volunteers in every county to educate their community on how to prevent healthcare ID theft, billing errors, scams, abuse and fraud.

SMP Hawaii participates in community fairs, conducts presentations and classes on Medicare fraud prevention, and even has their own drama club that performs skits statewide. They also provide one-to-one, individual counseling for those who request their services.

For more information:



Call us at **(808) 586-7319**



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Department of Public Safety



Narcotics Enforcement Division

The Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED) is a statewide law enforcement agency that serves and protects the public by enforcing State laws pertaining to controlled substances and regulated chemicals. They are responsible for the registration and control of the manufacture, distribution, prescription, and dispensing of controlled substances and precursor or essential chemicals within the State.

NED is also responsible for assuring that pharmaceutical controlled substances are used for legitimate medical purposes. They register and investigate all violation of persons who administer, prescribe, manufacture or dispense controlled substances in the State, including those who work at methadone clinics.

For more information:



Call us at **(808) 837-8470**



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