OVERVIEW: To sell their home, sellers must open their home to the public. Although it doesn’t happen all the time, it is a fact that theft does occur. Theft impacts the seller in all cases and theft of prescription medications has a larger impact on the community.

COMMONLY ABUSED MEDICATIONS:
- **Opiates**: pain killers, muscle relaxers
- **Depressants**: anxiety, depression, and sleep medications
- **Stimulants**: ADHD medications

If you or someone you know is struggling with opioid addiction – don’t wait. Reach out.

www.AvoidOpioidSD.com
South Dakota Resource Hotline
1-800-920-4343
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEFT

• Individuals may work in teams using one person to distract the Realtor while the other person raids the medicine cabinet.
• Children may be used by asking if they can use the restroom.
• Individuals may take the entire bottle or only a few pills.
• Individuals may unlock doors or windows with plans to come back at a later time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CLIENTS

• Take record of prescription medications they have along with the quantity, and then secure them in a safe location.
• Utilize a lockbox to secure medications in a well-hidden location or have clients take the lockbox with them prior to an open house.
• Properly dispose of any unused or expired medications - to find a local medication take back site or order FREE Dispose Rx packets for at-home disposal, visit www.AvoidOpioidSD.com.

SUGGESTIONS FOR REALTORS

• Ensure medical devices and prescriptions are not visible in listing photos of the home.
• Do not allow anyone access without proper identification.
• Keep a sign in sheet or ask for identification at open houses.
• Request the client keep you notified about anyone who wants access to their home.
• Thoroughly check the home after an open house, making sure all doors and windows are locked.
• If the client believes something has been stolen, have them call you and the police immediately.

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