# **REALTORS** <sup>®</sup>: your clients want to sell their homes, not deal drugs.

Theft of prescription drugs during open houses is a reality. Make sure your clients are armed with the information they need to protect themselves.

# TIPS TO SHARE WITH HOMEOWNERS:

• Have them lock up and store medications in safe/secure place when they have an open house or showing. Treat any medications in the home as a "valuable" item.

• Encourage clients to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. Many police departments (including Meriden) have 24/7 medication drop boxes that people can use to dispose of prescription drugs.



# **REALTORS®: BE AWARE OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEFT:**

- Thieves may work in teams using one person to distract the REALTOR<sup>®</sup> while the other person raids the medicine cabinet. Thieves may take the entire bottle or only a few pills.
- Children may be used by asking if they can use the restroom.
- A thief may unlock doors or windows with plans to come back at a later time.

### The most commonly abused medications include:

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



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