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DLCA CONSUMER TIPS

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs (DLCA) is pleased to release consumer friendly tips that should be taken into consideration when purchasing prescription medication.

Consumer tips on prescription medication:

- **Beware of Mixing Over the Counter Drugs (OTC) and Prescription Medication-** Certain OTC drugs should not be taken with prescription drugs. The combination can be harmful together. If you are on maintenance medication, ask your doctor or pharmacist before you take an OTC product.
- **Expired Medication-** Although you will rarely see an expiration date on a prescription bottle, most medicines lose potency after a while. Liquids may partially evaporate, making the medicine too concentrated to use safely. Eye drops can become contaminated with bacteria after a month. Ask your pharmacist to double check how long you can keep using your supply of medication.
- **Store Your Prescription Drugs Correctly-** Most drugs do best in a cool, dry place, but follow any special storing instructions carefully.
- **Take Advantage of Discounts-** Many drugstores give senior citizens 10% off. Ask the pharmacy or pharmacist, it may not be posted.

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