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Coalition Marks Poison Prevention Week

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The Lawton/Fort Sill Community Coalition Prescription Drug Committee will be delivering bookmarks to all pharmacies in the county for National Poison Prevention Week, which began Sunday.

Taressa Macias, project coordinator of the committee, said “the committee takes this week as an opportunity to educate people about locking up pain relief and other medicines. The bookmarks will include do’s and don’ts of safe medicine storage.”

Macias said people should also be able to get lock boxes for prescription medication at most of the pharmacies in the county. She said spring break is a time when adults should be extra careful about not leaving the children unsupervised with prescription medications.

“It is important that there is no accidental poisoning of medicine, so parents should lock up the medicines and keep them up and out of the sight,” Macias said. “Children take the medicine thinking that they are candy, as some of them look alike.”