



Walgreens pulls drug from some Tampa Bay pharmacy shelves

St. Petersburg, Florida - Walgreens has pulled the drug Oxycontin from pharmacy shelves at some of its Tampa Bay stores. Walgreens tells Tampa Bay's 10 News its a temporary move in responsive to recent pharmacy robberies.

According to the DEA website, Oxycontin is a prescription painkiller used to treat the moderate to severe pain or injuries or cancer. The DEA says its also commonly used as a street drug, where its called OC, OX, Oxy, Oxycotton, Hillbilly heroin, and Kicker.



Oxycotton

The most recent Tampa Bay pharmacy robbery happened on March 27th at the Walgreens at 2295 East Bay Drive in Largo. In that incident, a man pulled a gun, demanded, and received Oxycontin.

Walgreens Spokesperson Carol Hively released this statement to Tampa Bay's 10 News:

"Walgreens is in the process of removing OxyContin from some of its stores in the Tampa area. This is a temporary measure we're taking for the safety of our customers and employees, in response to local robberies. Signs are posted in our stores informing pharmacy patients of the change."

"We don't release information about which stores do and do not have OxyContin on site. Those details are discussed privately between the pharmacist and patient."

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