

KNOW YOUR DRUGS



IT COULD BE A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

Adverse drug reactions are a leading cause of death

WHEN: Saturday November 6, 2021 from 2 to 3:30pm

WHERE: Glen Abbey Library, 1415 Third Line, Oakville

WITH: Terence Young and David Carmichael



Terence Young lost his 15-year-old daughter Vanessa in 2000 when she suffered a heart attack after taking Prepulsid, a prescription drug that was pulled off the U.S. market three days later. As Conservative Member of Parliament for Oakville from 2008 to 2015, he conceived Vanessa's Law: The Protecting Canadians from Unsafe Drugs Act and galvanized both houses of parliament to pass it without dissent in November 2014. It received Royal Assent on November 6, 2014. Vanessa's Law includes fines of \$5,000 to \$5 million a day for persons not complying with the act, and/or jail time up to two years. Those that knowingly and recklessly create serious risk to human health in contravening the act could face unlimited fines and/or jail time to five years. Terence Young is Chair, Drug Safety Canada, former MP for Oakville and MPP for north Oakville.



David Carmichael started speaking out about prescription drug safety in 2006, two years after taking the life of his 11-year-old son Ian when he became psychotic shortly after starting the antidepressant Paxil. He was charged with first-degree murder, judged not criminally responsible and spent years institutionalized under the law. David manages the Know Your Drugs global awareness campaign as Executive Director of the charitable organization Canadians for Vanessa's Law, and is currently on a cross-Canada tour. Before the discussion, he will be delivering the presentation:

**PREVENTING ANOTHER
OPIOID CRISIS**

HOW CONSUMERS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
CAN BE PROTECTED FROM SIDE EFFECTS THAT
CAUSE DEATH, DISABILITY AND DYSFUNCTION

Event registration is not required. There is plenty of space.

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