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Dallas and Houston CVS Stores among CVS's Worst for Selling Expired Goods

More than 90% of Stores Surveyed are Selling Expired Goods, Consumer Advocates tell CVS "Don't Mess With Texas!"

DALLAS—CVS drugstores in Dallas and Houston may be among the drug store chain's worst for selling expired products according to the results of a survey announced today by community advocates outside a CVS drugstore where expired products were sold. The survey was conducted by Cure CVS, a project of Change to Win.

More than 90 percent of CVS drugstores surveyed over the last few weeks in the Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston areas are selling expired products, including over-the-counter pain medication that was more than four years past its expiration date, and year-old infant formula, both recently purchased in a Fort Worth CVS store. Inspectors purchased milk at a CVS in Terrell that was more than two months past its expiration date.

Expired products were purchased at several CVS drugstores in Dallas, Fort Worth, Plano, Garland, Arlington, Mesquite, Carrollton, Grand Prairie, Cedar Hill, Little Elm and other areas, according to the survey.

"We depend on our community stores to sell quality products and to do so with integrity and right consciousness. It is unthinkable that CVS has so many stores, right here in our communities, that would break that trust and sell expired goods that should not be sold," said The Reverend Charles L. Stovall of Munger United Methodist Church of Dallas.

Cure CVS found expired infant formula, milk or eggs on CVS shelves in 666 stores across the country, representing more than 42 percent of the stores surveyed, a [report](#) published in December 2008 revealed.

Consumer advocates displayed a variety of expired products recently purchased at local CVS stores and told CVS, "don't mess with Texas!" at an afternoon demonstration.

Similar events were also held today in New York, Los Angeles and San Diego while advocates are informing consumers about similar issues outside CVS drugstores in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Houston and Orlando today. News of today's demonstrations against CVS's policies comes on the heels of protests outside CVS drugstores last week in Boston and Miami. These events across the country highlight a pattern with CVS's poor behavior that is not restricted to individual stores and taken together, point to a corporate problem.

For more information visit www.CureCVSNow.org

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Cure CVS is an initiative by Change to Win and partner organizations to reform the drugstore industry, starting with CVS, the country's leading provider of prescription drugs and largest drugstore chain. By joining concerned citizen groups with the six million members of Change to Win unions, Cure CVS aims to ensure that CVS provides equal access across all communities and income levels to its stores and services, offers fair and accurate prices, provides quality products and services, protects customers' privacy and puts quality pharmacy care first.