

Why are we Concerned?

- More DEATHS occur each year from accidental drug overdose than from car accidents
- Someone in the US dies EVERY 15 MINUTES from an accidental overdose
- 70% of those who abuse prescription medicines get them from a FRIEND or RELATIVE

Actions YOU can take

- Do not share medications
- Store medications in a safe place
- Properly dispose of your unneeded medications

RESOURCES

Where to seek help?

Talk to your healthcare providers if you think you have a problem with prescription drug abuse or addiction. Further information concerning treatment options can be found online at:

<http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov> and
<http://timetogethelp.drugfree.org>.

Or call **1-800-662-HELP** (4357)

In the case of a life-threatening emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency department.

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“The GOOD”

When used as directed by your healthcare provider, prescription medications can do much **“good.”** Modern medicine has helped us treat and sometimes cure debilitating diseases and lessen the burden of chronic conditions on patients and their families. These advances have allowed us to lead longer and healthier lives.



“The BAD”

Any drug can cause unwanted side effects. Therefore, it is crucial to learn why you are taking these medications and to keep an open dialogue with your healthcare providers. By taking an active role in your health, you can achieve the best results from your prescription medications and avoid the **“bad”** side of medication therapies.



“...and The UGLY”

When prescription medications are misused or abused, they can produce serious health, social AND legal problems – and in some instances, death! This **“ugly”** side of prescription medications has turned into a national epidemic, placing higher demands on our hospitals and drug treatment centers. On average, 100 people die from unintentional drug overdoses in the U.S. every day. Don't be part of the statistic!!!

