Get Smart About Medicine Abuse





90% of addictions start in the teenage years.

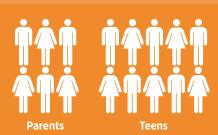




1 IN 6 TEENS

has used a prescription Irug in order to get high or change their mood.

Only 6 percent of parents of teens say they have a child who abused medicine, however 10 percent of teens admit to misusing/abusing medicines in the past 6 months.



TWO-THIRDS OF TEENS

who abuse pain relievers say they get them from family members and friends.

65%
get medicines from home or friends

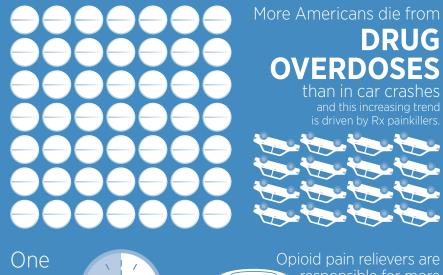
Parents of teens who think it's easy to ge Rx medicine from

30% from someone else

Only **3 percent of parents of teens** admit giving their child medication

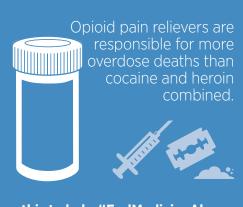
Yet, **22 percent of teens**say they were given a
prescription medicine not means





person dies every

19 MINUTES from drug overdose in the United States



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One person dies every 19 minutes from drug overdose in the United States.

Understand the Problem ... Be Part of the Solution

- 1. Visit **MedicineAbuseProject.org** and Take The Pledge.
- 2. **Safeguard Your Medicine.** Keep prescription medicine in a secure place.
- 3. **Dispose Properly of Your Unused Medicine.** Learn how to safely dispose of medicine at home and find a medicine take-back site near you.
- 4. **Educate Yourself.** Visit online resources like **drugfree.org** and **lifelinetomodernmedicine.com**.
- 5. **Share What You Know.** Share information with family, friends and neighbors.
- 6. **If You Are a Parent:**Talk to your kids about the risks of abusing prescription drugs and over-the-counter cough medicine.
- 7. **Get Help.** If you think your child has a problem with prescription drugs or over-the counter cough medicine, please visit **Time To Get Help** or call our Parents Toll-Free Helpline to speak to a parent specialist at **1-855-DRUGFREE** (1-855-378-4373).

Thank you for doing your part to help end the medicine abuse epidemic.

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