

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT...

# PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF POISON CONTROL CENTERS



**NUMBER ONE  
SUBSTANCE**

MOST FREQUENTLY INVOLVED IN ALL HUMAN EXPOSURE CASES REPORTED IN 2011: PAINKILLERS

**12 MILLION**

NUMBER OF PEOPLE OLDER THAN 12 WHO REPORTED USING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS NON-MEDICALLY (2010)



**70%**

OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ABUSED

COME FROM FRIENDS AND RELATIVES.

**'OVERDOSES INVOLVING PRESCRIPTION PAINKILLERS ARE AT EPIDEMIC LEVELS AND NOW KILL MORE AMERICANS THAN HEROIN AND COCAINE COMBINED.'** - CDC DIRECTOR THOMAS FRIEDEN, M.D., M.P.H.



**100  
PEOPLE  
DIE**

FROM ALL DRUG OVERDOSES EVERY DAY IN THE UNITED STATES

**7%  
INCREASE**

IN SEVERITY OF CASES REPORTED TO POISON CENTERS INVOLVING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS



**EPIDEMIC**

THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) AND THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) ARE CALLING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AN EPIDEMIC.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE, CALL YOUR LOCAL POISON CENTER. **1-800-222-1222**



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