

PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY



OPIOIDS: WHAT THEY DO

Prescription opioids are used to treat symptoms of pain related to injuries, surgeries and wisdom teeth removal. They target opioid receptors in the brain to block the feeling of pain and create a sense of euphoria.

WHAT THEY DON'T DO

Using prescription opioids:

- ▶ DOES NOT dull the feeling of stress, anxiety or emotional pain
- ▶ IS NOT safer than using illegal drugs — prescription opioids are highly addictive
- ▶ DOES NOT make you popular because “everyone is doing it” (HINT: They’re not!)

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IT'S NEVER OK TO SHARE YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

- ▶ **Never share prescription drugs** with friends or family who want to try yours.
- ▶ **Never take a prescription drug from someone who offers it to you** since you don't know how it will affect you.
- ▶ Only carry prescription drugs with you if it's necessary to keep a medication schedule.
- ▶ It is against the law to take a prescription drug not prescribed to you.



PREVENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE

Of Kansas teens who report misusing prescription drugs, nearly 3 in 4 (74%) say they accessed those drugs through family and friends (buying, sharing or stealing).

Source: Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey, 2020

STORE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SAFELY AT HOME

Put a lock on a cabinet, drawer or closet to keep your prescription drugs safe. You wouldn't want friends, siblings or anyone else in your home to accidentally take your medication.



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