

# Opioid Epidemic Stats

## Nation's Youth at Risk

Securely storing prescription medications in the home could help stop prescription drug abuse where it often begins.



# 42%

More than 42% (4 in 10 teens) who have misused or abused a prescription drug obtained it from *their parent's medicine cabinet*.

# 16

 years old

The average age at which youths begin to *experiment with prescription pain relievers* is 16 years old.



# 4

 out of every 

# 5

4 out of every 5 heroin users started out by first *misusing prescription opioid pain medications*.

# 70.8%

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) completed a study that found that the overwhelming majority of illegal prescription drugs were obtained from friends and family 70.8% of the time, *most often from medicine cabinets*.



# 15%

 males  

# 35%

 females

The number of *drug overdose deaths* among 15- to 19-year-olds rose 15 percent for males from 2014 to 2015 and 35 percent for females from 2013 to 2015.

# 21-29%

Roughly 21 to 29 percent of patients prescribed opioids for chronic pain *misuse* them.

