



What Can I Do as a Parent?

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Stop Prescription Abuse

If you have prescriptions you take regularly and you have a teen in your household, you should talk openly about your drugs. Be specific about why you're taking prescription drugs, what they do, and what they could do if someone who doesn't need them takes them. Take actions to make sure that your teen doesn't have easy access to your medications. Throw them away when they're expired, lock them up, and become educated about the types of drug abuse and the signs to look for. Be mindful that even if your teen doesn't have access to your drugs, other teens may have access to their own drugs and might try to pass them along to others.

STOP Rx ABUSE

Ignorance is NO excuse

70% of parents are concerned about their teen's prescription drug abuse



DISPOSE - Throw away expired medications
17% of parents do not throw away expired medications

50% less likely to abuse prescription drugs when teens learn the risks of drugs from their parents



ENGAGE - Talk to your kids about the dangers of drug abuse
The last time teens and parents discussed substance abuse, only 16% discussed Rx pain relievers, and just 14% discussed any Rx abuse



LEARN - Understand the correct usage of Rx drugs
26% of teens believe prescription drugs can be used as a study aid
29% of parents believe ADHD meds improve test performance



PARENTS GIVE - 70% of parents given their teen an unsupervised drug
Slurred speech
Dizziness
Respiratory depressions
Candy, Downers
Sleeping pills
Tranks

FROM FRIENDS - 49% obtained it from a friend



Constricted pupils
Nausea, Vomiting
Respiratory depressions
Wibbly heroin, Oxy, OC
Oxycotton, Percs
Happy pills, Vikes
Vicodin, OxyContin
Percocet
Codeine



Anxiety
Delusions
Chest pain with heart palpitations
Sluggish, The smart drug, Vitamin B
Blemies, Black bearers, Roses
Hearts, Speed, Uppers
Adderall
Ritalin
Concerta



ADHD STIMULANTS
Can block small blood vessels
Similar effects to heroin
Slows down brain activity



MONITOR - Restrict access to prescription drug medicine cabinets
56% of teens say it is easy to get their parent's prescription drugs
49% of parents say anyone can access their medicine cabinet

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Common street names

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