

# Prescription Drug Abuse


Prescription drug abuse is the intentional use of a medication without a prescription or in a way other than as it was prescribed. This is for the experience or feelings the medication can produce

This abuse has led to an increase in:

- Treatment admissions
- Emergency Room Visits
- Deaths by Overdose

• **OVER HALF OF TEENS AGREE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ARE EASIER TO GET THAN ILLEGAL DRUGS. THE PRIMARY SOURCES BEING THEIR OWN HOME, A FRIEND'S HOUSE OR THE INTERNET.**

• **DISPOSE OF YOUR UNUSED OR UNWANTED PRESCRIPTIONS AT YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT'S DROP BOX**



2,500 teens abuse prescription drugs for the first time everyday in America.



**Take It To  
THE BOX**

Safe Use • Safe Storage • Safe Disposal

**GET HELP**

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY  
DIAL 911 OR GO TO THE NEAREST  
EMERGENCY ROOM**

**FOR TREATMENT PROVIDERS  
PLEASE CONTACT :  
894-9917  
OR CALL THE HOPELINE @  
1-877-8-HOPENY  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
:PLEASE CONTACT:**

**Take notice of significant changes of a friend or family member**

- Physical Appearance
  - Personality
  - Attitude
  - Behavior

Sources:

**Drugfreeworld.org  
Drugaddictiontreatment.com  
EMSworld.com  
OASAS.ny.gov**



**Herkimer County  
Prevention Council**

[www.herkimercountyprevention.org](http://www.herkimercountyprevention.org)