

# Prescription drug abuse is a bitter pill for Indiana to swallow.



**EVERY 25 MINUTES**  
SOMEONE DIES FROM A  
PRESCRIPTION DRUG OVERDOSE.

**MORE PEOPLE ABUSE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS  
THAN COCAINE, HEROIN, HALLUCINOGENS  
AND INHALANTS COMBINED.**



**IN THE U.S. 1 IN 20 PEOPLE HAVE  
USED PRESCRIPTION PAINKILLERS  
FOR NON-MEDICAL REASONS.**

## THE PROBLEM

While prescription drugs provide relief to millions of people every year when used properly, the misuse and abuse of these drugs has become one of the gravest issues facing Hoosiers of all ages today.



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## DID YOU KNOW:

- Overdoses are often accidental.
- Straight-A students are no less likely to be abusers than dropouts.
- Abuse and misuse is not simply a youth drug issue.
- Prescription opioid abuse can lead to heroin usage.
- Painkillers, stimulants and depressants are among the most frequently misused or abused drugs.
- No age, social class, race, gender or geographic region is without challenges when it comes to prescription drugs.
- Safe storage and disposal can cut down on risks.
- Prescriptions are not the problem. Misuse or abuse of them is.
- This problem impacts all Hoosiers — economically, socially and with regards to our health and welfare.
- Education brings understanding. [BitterPill.IN.gov](http://BitterPill.IN.gov).

## GET HELP NOW

If you or someone you know is misusing prescription drugs, help is available. No one needs to feel alone or without resource options.

To learn more about the dangers of prescription drug abuse and treatment programs in Indiana, visit [www.BitterPill.IN.gov](http://www.BitterPill.IN.gov).

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