

SPF-PFS Newsletter

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How Are Prescription Drugs Abused?

Prescription and over the counter drugs may be abused in one or more of the following ways:

Taking a medication that has been prescribed for somebody else.

Unaware of the dangers of sharing medications, people often unknowingly contribute to this form of abuse by sharing their unused pain relievers with their family members.

Taking a drug in a higher quantity or in another manner than prescribed. Most prescription drugs are dispensed orally in

tablets, but abusers sometimes crush the tablets and snort or inject the powder. This hastens the entry of the drug into the bloodstream and the brain and amplifies its effects.

Taking a drug for another purpose than prescribed. All of the drug types mentioned can produce pleasurable effects at sufficient quantities, so taking them for the purpose of getting high is one of the main reasons people abuse them. ADHD drugs like Adderall are also often abused by students

seeking to improve their academic performance. However, although they may boost alertness, there is little evidence they improve cognitive functioning for those without a medical condition.



Most teenagers who abuse prescription drugs are given them for free by a friend or relative.

Source: <http://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/prescription-over-counter-medications>



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 April Fool's Day | 2. |
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| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Interagency Coalition Meeting | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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Grady County Prescription Drop Box Locations

Red Rock BHS

Ashley Cline

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Red Rock BHS
1501 W. Commerce
Yukon, OK 73099
Phone: 405-422-8872
Cell: 405-250-9696

Chickasha Police Department

2001 W. Iowa Ave.

Chickasha, Oklahoma

73018

405-222-6050

Grady County Sherriff's

Office

302 N. 3rd St.

Chickasha, Oklahoma

405-222-5085



- Dispose un-used, unwanted or expired prescription drugs safely and anonymously!
- NO syringes, chemicals, or inhalers.

For More Information on Safe Disposal Visit: <http://takeasprescribed.org/>

or contact the SPF PFS Coordinator at 405-422-8872

Top five stolen/lost medications in Oklahoma for 2013

1 Hydrocodone:

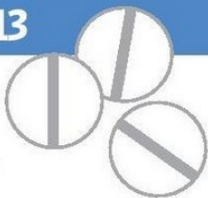
95,417 tablets

2. Alprazolam: 25,361 tablets*

3. Oxycodone: 16,996 tablets

4. Promethazine with codeine: 11,744 milliliters**

5. Morphine sulfate: 3,817 tablets



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1 Hydrocodone:

56,890 tablets

2. Oxycodone: 27,809 tablets

3. Alprazolam: 22,416 tablets

4. Promethazine with codeine:

5,125 milliliters

5. Tramadol: 2,004 tablets

*Alprazolam is the generic form of Xanax, a powerful anti-anxiety medication often prescribed with opiate painkillers such as hydrocodone or oxycodone.

**Promethazine with codeine, a syrup, is the active ingredient in the popular street concoction dubbed "purple drank." The syrup, which goes by many names on the street, became popularized when many Southern hip-hop artists, including several from the Houston area, openly talked about the mixture in songs and mixtapes.

SOURCE: OKLAHOMA STATE PHARMACY BOARD

Helpful Websites:

- ⇒ www.RedRockRPC.com
- ⇒ www.Drugfree.org
- ⇒ www.Ok.gov/odmhsas
- ⇒ www.ok.gov/obnnd
- ⇒ <http://takeasprescribed.org/>

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