

National Prevention Week

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Preventing Opioid and Prescription Drug Abuse

What are opioids?

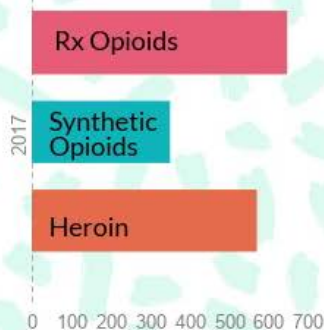
Opioids, or prescription drugs, cover a huge variety of drugs, ranging from legal drugs such as fentanyl, codeine, and morphine to illegal drugs such as heroin and opium.

Examples of opiates include:

- Heroin
- Morphine
- Oxycodone (trade names include: OxyContin and Percocet)
- Hydrocodone (trade names include: Vicodin and Lortab)
- Codeine
- Fentanyl

Facts and Tips

Number of Overdose Deaths in 2017



10 %
of Texas
college
students
misused
prescription
opioids in the
past year

While intoxicated on opiates, a person may show these signs:

- Reduced social interaction
- Drowsiness
- Poor memory and concentration
- Anxiety
- Slowed breathing
- Slow movement and reactions
- Mood swings
- Apathy and depression

While proper use of opioids can effectively reduce pain, it can also lead to addiction and overdose if misused.

Please use and store prescription drugs safely.

For more information on preventing prescription misuse and opioid drug abuse, please visit:

<https://www.hhs.gov/opa/oids/prevention/prev-ention-programs-tools/index.html>

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