

Opioid Overdose Prevention

Information about Opioid-Related Deaths

Facts & Stats

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS

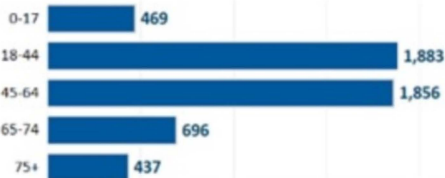


Did you know?

In 2015, more than 52,000 Americans died from an overdose, and opioids were implicated in more than half of the deaths.



Total Commonly Prescribed Opioids-related ED Visits -by Age Group in Texas in 2017



Recognizing an opioid overdose can be difficult. **It is important that you don't leave the person alone and make sure you call 911** to seek medical care for the individual. Some signs of an opioid overdose may include:

- *Small, constricted "pinpoint pupils"
- *Falling asleep or loss of consciousness
- *Choking or gurgling sounds
- *Pale, blue, or cold skin
- *Slow, shallow breathing

For more information, please visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/opioid-overdoses>

Sources:

- <http://healthdata.dshs.texas.gov/Opioids/EmergencyDepartment>
- <https://www.hhs.gov/opioids/about-the-epidemic/index.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/prevention/index.html>
- <http://alcalde.texasexes.org/2018/01/how-texas-is-trying-to-stay-ahead-of-the-opioid-epidemic/>