

# PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE...

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Last year, more  
teens got high  
on prescription  
medicine than  
cocaine, meth and  
ecstasy combined.

# NOT WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED.

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## GETTING HIGH ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IS DANGEROUS!

- ➔ Prescription drug abuse is a problem among teens today.
- ➔ Rx medications are fast becoming the new "PARTY" drugs for many teenagers.
- ➔ Many teens report mixing Rx drugs, over-the-counter medications, and alcohol.
- ➔ Youth misperceptions that Rx Drugs are "SAFE" can have serious consequences.

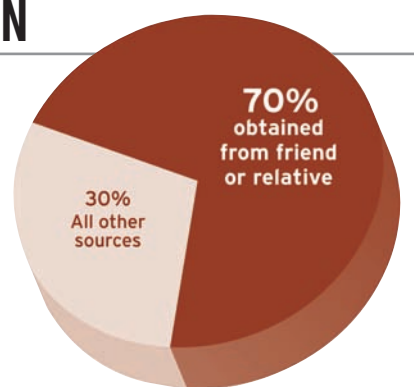
### THE RISKS: NON-MEDICAL USE IS ABUSE!

- ➔ Dangerous INTERACTIONS with other medications and substances, like alcohol
- ➔ Physical dependency and ADDICTION
- ➔ OVERDOSE...when breathing slows down and eventually stops
- ➔ DEATH

### THERE'S A NEW DEALER IN TOWN

*A major source of the problem is right under your nose:*

- ➔ Medicine Cabinets
- ➔ Countertops
- ➔ Grandma's Purse



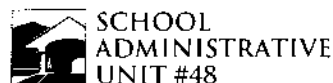
### ACT NOW: KEEP YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS SECURE AND YOUR LOVED ONES SAFE!

- ➔ TALK TO YOUR KIDS - let them know that using Rx Drugs prescribed for others or without a doctor's order is unsafe and may be illegal. Mis-use of controlled drugs can result in fines or jail time.
- ➔ SET CLEAR RULES about all drug use, including NOT sharing medicine and the need to always follow the medical provider's advice.
- ➔ SAFEGUARD all Rx drugs at home, monitor quantities, and control access by keeping out of sight and under lock and key.
- ➔ PROPERLY DISPOSE of old or unneeded medicines.
- ➔ EDUCATE YOURSELF. For more information on how to prevent access and abuse visit [www.cadyinc.org](http://www.cadyinc.org)

## PREVENTION IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS!

*Thank you for being part of the solution*

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