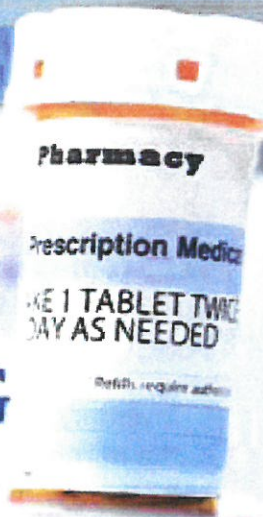


Protecting Ohio's Families

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# PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IS KILLING OHIOANS.



**The abuse of prescription pain medications and heroin — both classified as opiates — is epidemic in Ohio.**

By calling a toll-free number provided by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, you can confidentially report people you suspect are inappropriately prescribing or distributing prescription drugs.

**CALL 855-BCI-OHIO (855-224-6446)**

**Your call just might save a life.**



## **Know the facts**

- Drug overdoses kill an average of five Ohioans every day.
- Since 2007, unintended drug overdoses have exceeded car crashes as the leading cause of accidental death in Ohio.
- There has been a 366% increase in unintentional drug overdose deaths in Ohio from 2000 to 2012.
- Unintentional drug overdoses caused 1,914 deaths in Ohio in 2012.
- Ohio's heroin-involved death rate increased from 16 percent in 2008 to 35.5 percent in 2012.
- The number of deaths from unintended overdoses of prescription opiates declined in 2012 for the first time since 2003 with a 12 percent reduction between 2011 and 2012 (789 deaths in 2011 vs. 697 deaths in 2012).

# Drug storage and disposal tips



**Keep a close watch on your family's prescription medications to protect those you love. Follow these important safeguards:**

- Inventory all medications in your home, noting the number of pills and refills remaining.
- Keep all medicines — including over-the-counter drugs — in a locked cabinet or other safe place and monitor them closely. Urge relatives and friends to do the same.
- Maintain control of any drug prescribed to a child or teen.
- Place the national hotline for poison control centers — **800-222-1222** — near every home phone and in your cell phone address book.
- Contact local law enforcement for assistance in finding a local drug drop box to discard expired or unused medications.

## Where to turn



- To find a treatment provider in your area, call the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services at **877-275-6364**.
- Learn how to get involved with the Drug Free Action Alliance by visiting **[www.drugfreeactionalliance.org](http://www.drugfreeactionalliance.org)** or calling **614-540-9985**.

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