

WHAT ARE OPIOIDS?

WHEN NOT USED AS PRESCRIBED, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS CAN BE AS DANGEROUS AS ILLEGAL DRUGS.

OPIOIDS INCLUDE:

- OXYCODONE (OXYCONTIN®, PERCOCET®, OR ROXICODONE®)
- OXYMORPHONE (OPANA®)
- HYDROMORPHONE (DILAUDID®)
- HYDROCODONE (VICODIN®, LORTAB®, NORCO®)
- MORPHINE, CODEINE, BUPRENORPHINE, FENTANYL, METHADONE
- HEROIN

WHAT IS AN OPIOID OVERDOSE?

AN OPIOID OVERDOSE HAPPENS WHEN A TOXIC AMOUNT OF AN OPIOID - ALONE OR MIXED WITH, OTHER OPIOIDS, DRUGS AND/OR SUBSTANCES - OVERWHELMS THE BODY'S ABILITY TO HANDLE IT.

THE OPIOIDS SUPPRESS A PERSON'S ABILITY TO BREATHE, WHICH CAN LEAD TO LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS, COMA, AND ULTIMATELY DEATH.

WHO IS AT RISK OF AN OPIOID OVERDOSE?

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PRESCRIBED HIGH DOSES OF OPIOID MEDICATIONS

THOSE WHO MIX OPIOIDS WITH OTHER DRUGS, PARTICULARLY ALCOHOL OR SEDATIVES

THOSE WHO USE ALONE - USING WITHOUT OTHERS PRESENT RAISES THE RISK OF DEATH IF AN OVERDOSE OCCURS

THOSE WITH SERIOUS MEDICAL PROBLEMS

THOSE WHO HAVE OVERDOSED BEFORE

THOSE WHO HAVE RESUMED USE AFTER A PERIOD OF NO USE, SUCH AS THOSE RECENTLY RELEASED FROM DRUG TREATMENT OR A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

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WHAT TO DO

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