

# PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

## THE NEW EPIDEMIC

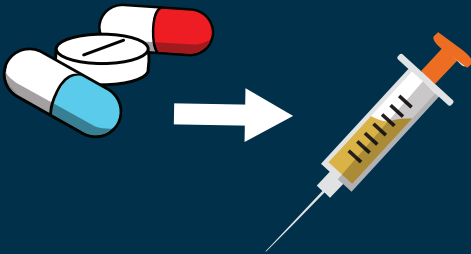
Using prescription medication when it is not prescribed to you  
**IS JUST AS DANGEROUS AS USING AN ILLEGAL DRUG**



Some prescription medications are highly addictive due to the way the body adapts to the drug



Overdose deaths from prescription drugs have  
**TRIPLED**  
in the last 10 years



**1 IN 15 PEOPLE**  
who take non-medical prescription pain relievers  
**WILL TRY HEROIN**

In 2014, opioids were involved in  
**61%** OF ALL **DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS**

