

ARIZONA'S OPIOID EFFECT



Opioid misuse has become a statewide and national **HEALTH EMERGENCY**. The same opioids that can help with pain when taken as prescribed can lead to addiction and even death when they are misused. Learn the effects of opioids and how to prevent abuse and an overdose.

**BETWEEN
JUNE 2017
AND
JANUARY
2018:**

5,202 Arizonans experienced a suspected **OPIOID OVERDOSE**



455 Babies were born **addicted** to opioids



812 ARIZONANS DIED OF A SUSPECTED OPIOID OVERDOSE

OPIOIDS IN ARIZONA

Reported overdoses between June 15, 2017 and January 11, 2018



3,114



993



104-235



1-103



431M



pills prescribed in Arizona in 2016—a 2.5-week opioid supply for every man, woman, and child

74%
INCREASE

IN OPIOID OVERDOSES IN ARIZONA SINCE 2013

OPIOID DANGERS

- 1 Taking opioids too long.** They can become addictive in just **five days**.
- 2 Combining drugs or sharing opioids** can be deadly.
- 3 Switching to a more dangerous drug:** 75% of heroin users started with painkillers.*
- 4 Taking opioids with alcohol** can be extremely dangerous and even fatal.

*JAMA study, 2014



**STOP ABUSE.
PREVENT AN
OVERDOSE.**

- **Ask your doctor** about other pain treatment options.
- **Stop taking your opioids** if you don't need them.
- **Turn in your old drugs.** Prevent others from having access to unused opioids. To find a drug take-back kiosk near you, visit OpioidEffectAZ.com.

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