

OPIOIDS101

An opioid is a drug that reacts with opioid receptors on the brain, resulting in a euphoria and calming sensation.

FACTS:

Opioids can be illicit or prescribed, but no matter what, they are dangerous if abused!

- Common Opioids include **HEROIN, OXYCODONE, FENTANYL, METHADONE, AND MORPHINE.**
- On average, **100 PEOPLE IN THE U.S.** die every day from Opioid abuse.
- **4 OUT OF 5** new Heroin users started off by abusing prescription drugs.
- **OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS** have been increasing since the **LATE 1990'S**, when physicians began prescribing the drug at higher rates than ever.
- **EVERY STATE IN THE UNITED STATES** has seen an increase in Opioid abuse.
 - In 2014, **70%** of people who misused prescription drugs were **WHITE, 20% HISPANIC, AND 10% BLACK.**
 - Most affected by this epidemic are those ages **18 TO 25 YEARS, 26 TO 34 YEARS, AND 45-49 YEARS.**

References/For More Information visit: CDC.gov or DEA.gov



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