

# Pain Killers

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Prescription pain killers are powerful drugs that interfere with the nervous system's transmission of the nerves signals that perceive pain. Most pain killers also stimulate portions of the brain associated with pleasure. Thus, in addition to blocking the pain they produce a "high". Prescription pain killers are essentially a synthetic form of heroin and their abuse has been on the rise amongst our teens. Marijuana, prescription pain killers and alcohol are the highest drugs abused by teens. There are several misconceptions or lies about the drug that teens seem to buy into such as they are safe, since they are prescribed by a doctor. Where teens get into trouble is by taking other peoples prescription pain killers that could be a lot stronger dosage than the doctor would have ever prescribed to them and the result is they over dose.

Generic name	Brand name	Street name
Oxycodone	Oxycontin, Percodan, Percocet	Hillbilly heroin, perks, oxy 80's
Hydrocodone	Vicodin, Norco, Loratab,	Hydros, vikes, pain killers
Propoxyphenection	Darvan	Footballs, 65's, pink, yellow
Hydromorphone	Dilaudid	Juice, dillies
Meperidine	Demerol	Demmies, pain killer

Effects of both Mentally and Physiologically;

- Constipation
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Dizziness
- Confusion
- Addiction
- Unconsciousness
- Respiratory depression
- Increased risk of heart attack
- Coma
- Death

Long-term use of pain killers can lead to physical dependence (addiction). The body adapts to the substance and if one stops taking the drug abruptly, withdrawal symptoms occur. Or the body builds up a tolerance to the drug, meaning that a higher dosage has to be taken to obtain the same effect. Eventually an overdose and possible death will occur.

Prescription pain killers like prescription drugs must be stored in their prescription bottle to ensure you are allowed legally to possess them.

Penalty: A single prescription pain killer without a prescription is classified as a Class A Misdemeanor punishable up to 1 year in jail and or \$4000.00 fine.