

**PAIN KILLERS**

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Help stop the opioid  
epidemic in South Carolina

South Carolina is not immune to opioid misuse, abuse and overdosing.

**5 MILLION PAIN KILLER PRESCRIPTIONS ARE FILLED EVERY YEAR IN SOUTH CAROLINA - THAT'S MORE THAN ONE FOR EVERY PERSON IN OUR STATE.**

# WHAT ARE OPIOIDS?

Powerful, highly addictive narcotics commonly prescribed to treat pain. Well known opioids include:

- Codeine
- Demerol
- Fentanyl
- Oxycodone
- OxyContin
- Percocet
- Vicodin

# ADDICTION IS A DISEASE

Also known as an “opioid use disorder”

- Characterized by compulsive, difficult-to-control drug use

# OPIOID STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

## Safe storage tips:

- Lock them up
- Keep opioids in the pharmacy bottle
- Always secure after use
- Keep track of quantities
- Remove unwanted drugs from your home

# FINDING HELP, TREATMENT

Overcoming an opioid use disorder may involve:

- Help with behavioral changes
- Engagement in community-based support
- S.C. has system of local treatment providers at [daodas.sc.gov](http://daodas.sc.gov)

# REVERSING AN OPIOID OVERDOSE

- Naloxone can be used to treat and reverse an opioid overdose
- In S.C., it's available at pharmacies without a prescription
- Have Naloxone on-hand for people who use high doses of opioids

# HELP STOP THE EPIDEMIC

Taking a few, simple steps can help:

- Follow your doctor's orders
- Store medications safely
- Get rid of unused drugs
- Protect your identity, remove label before disposing of containers
- You just might save someone's life

# GET MORE INFORMATION

Learn more about opioids, how to talk to your family and children, or where to get help and find treatment.

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