

## Commonly Misused Medications

Inappropriate use of any of these common prescription medicines listed below can be fatal. Ingesting any combination of these medications dramatically increases the risk of death. The risk of death is even greater if these medications are combined with alcohol.

### NARCOTIC PAIN KILLERS:

#### Hydrocodone

Lortab  
Vicodin  
Norco  
MS Contin

#### Oxycodone

Percocet  
Roxicodone  
Endocet  
Oxycontin

#### Morphine

Avinza  
Kadian

#### Fentanyl

Duragesic  
Fentora

#### Methadone

#### Tramadol

#### Codeine

### SEDATIVES AND DEPRESSANTS:

Xanax (Alprazolam)  
Valium (Diazepam)  
Ativan (Lorazepam)  
Klonopin (Clonazepam)  
Fioricet (Butalbital)

Drop off unused and unwanted medications any time at these police department lobbies. Prescription, over-the-counter and pet medications are accepted. You may keep them in the containers or place pills in a sealed plastic bag.

**Adams Police Department**  
4 School Street

**Dalton Police Department**  
462 Main Street #7

**Egremont Police Department**  
171 Egremont Plain Road

**Great Barrington Police Dept.**  
465 Main Street

**Lee Police Department**  
32 Main Street

**Lenox Police Department**  
6 Walker Street

**North Adams Police Department**  
11 Summer Street

**Pittsfield Police Department**  
39 Allen Street

**Sheffield Police Department**  
10 South Main Street

**Stockbridge Police Department**  
50 Main Street

**Williamstown Police Department**  
31 North Street

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our water supply clean!**

**BOAPC**  
Berkshire Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative



**DON'T BE AN  
UNINTENTIONAL  
DRUG SUPPLIER  
by allowing others  
access to your  
medicines.**

## **THE FOUR STEPS to Reduce Misuse of Prescription Drugs**

**1**

### **Take Only as Prescribed**

- See back for list of most misused medications
- Do not mix medications except as directed by physician
- Do not mix medicines with alcohol and other drugs- *it could be deadly*

**2**

### **Do Not Share Medicines**

- Taking another person's prescription is both illegal and dangerous
- Medicines that you take could have a very different effect on others
- Use discretion in speaking about your medicines to others

**3**

### **Store Your Prescriptions Safely**

- Do not allow others to gain access to your prescriptions
- Anyone, visitors or family, can take pills from your home
- Children are particularly at risk for accidental overdose
- A drug lockbox with a key or combination is the best security

**4**

### **Dispose of Medications Promptly**

- Dispose of unused medications promptly when no longer needed
- Turn in to local police departments (see back panel)
- Turn in at a DEA take-back event (Rx Round-up)
- **Do not flush in toilet** - medicines may stay in the water supply

**70% of people 12 and older who misuse prescription drugs** get them from family or friends.

**75% of recent opioid addictions** start with prescription opioids.

Misuse of prescription drugs is a national epidemic with well over **16,500 deaths a year from pain killer overdoses.**

**More people now die each year** from accidental drug overdoses than in auto accidents.

Mixing different prescriptions or adding alcohol can be fatal. **Combining pain pills, anxiety pills and alcohol increases the risk of death.**