

Tips for the Safe Use, Storage and Disposal of Prescription Opioids

Opioid medications have a serious risk of dependence, addiction or overdose, especially with prolonged use.



Talk to your pharmacist about the potential risks and side effects. Ask if there are alternative treatments available.



Store your medication in a secure place to avoid misuse and abuse.



Dispose of unused prescription opioids as soon as possible. Ask your pharmacist about at-home disposal products, disposal drop-off locations or visit www.AgainstOpioidAbuse.org/Disposal-Locations.

If you or someone close to you has an addiction to pain medication, talk to your healthcare professional or contact the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's treatment helpline at 1-800-622-HELP (4357).

Learn more at www.AgainstOpioidAbuse.org

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