



FACT SHEET

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Prescribed does not mean safe

Pills can be as addictive and deadly as street drugs. Prescription pain pills, for example, are narcotic drugs made to work like heroin. If you would not take heroin, why take a pill that can be as dangerous?

In Texas and across the U.S., pills cause more deaths per year than car crashes, or crime, or street drugs.

Overdose Deaths in the Texas Gulf Coast

	Rx Pills	vs	Heroin
<i>All ages</i>	65%		7%
<i>Youth</i>	92%		8%

HOW BIG IS THIS PROBLEM?

Pain pill overdose is the **#1 cause of accidental death in Texas.**

44% of Texans have tried pills not prescribed for them.

The average age of first use is **13 years old.**

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