

# FOUR OUT OF FIVE HEROIN ADDICTS STARTED BY ABUSING PRESCRIPTION PAINKILLERS.



## NARCOTIC AND OPIOID PAINKILLERS CAN PUT ANYONE AT RISK OF ADDICTION.

**If you are prescribed a narcotic or opioid painkiller:**

- Drowsiness, dizziness and nausea are common side effects.
- You must exercise caution when driving, operating or working around machinery. Failure to do so can lead to injury and death.
- Be aware that you can receive a citation for driving under the influence, even if you are under the influence of a legally-prescribed medication.
- Narcotic and opioid pain medication can impair your ability to perform your job. If you are required to perform safety-sensitive tasks, you should discuss your medication with your supervisor before performing such tasks.
- Ask your prescribing medical professional for a non-narcotic alternative, which can be more effective and have less risk of addiction.

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