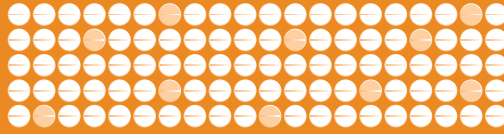


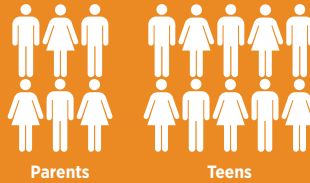
GETTING SMART ABOUT TEEN MEDICINE ABUSE

90%
of addictions
start in the
teenage years.



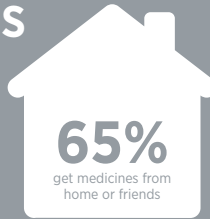
1 IN 6 TEENS
has used a prescription
drug in order to get high
or change their mood.

Only **6 percent of parents of teens** say they have a child who abused medicine, however **10 percent of teens** admit to misusing/abusing medicines in the past 6 months.

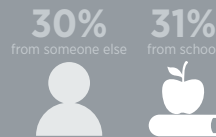


TWO-THIRDS OF TEENS

who abuse pain relievers say they get them from family members and friends.

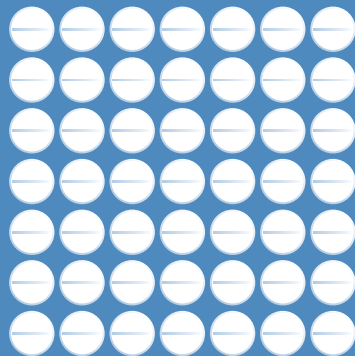


Parents of teens who think it's easy to get Rx medicine from:



Only **3 percent of parents of teens** admit giving their child medication not prescribed for them.

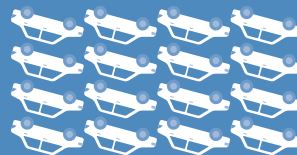
Yet, **22 percent of teens** say they were given a prescription medicine not meant for them by their parents.



More Americans die from

DRUG OVERDOSES

than in car crashes and this increasing trend is driven by Rx painkillers.



One person dies every **19 MINUTES** from drug overdose in the United States and this increasing trend is driven by Rx painkillers.



Opioid pain relievers are responsible for more overdose deaths than cocaine and heroin combined.



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