

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AMONG TEENS

## OFTEN BEGINS AT HOME LUCKILY, SO DOES [AWARENESS]

A growing cause of death among teens is prescription drug misuse. Tragedy happens when medication is taken incorrectly and when friends share pills. Most parents are unaware of this epidemic and that deadly drugs are often obtained in a home medicine cabinet. Carolinas Poison Center has a confidential, 24-hour help line staffed by experts who can answer your questions about prescription drug abuse and your child. **Awareness saves lives.** 



NEARLY TWICE AS MANY TEENS ARE DYING FROM POISONINGS THAN A DECADE AGO...AND MANY OF THOSE DEATHS ARE RELATED TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.\*



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