

Protecting Ohio's Families



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PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IS KILLING OHIOANS.



If you know of anyone who may be inappropriately prescribing or distributing prescription drugs, you can confidentially report this information to the office of the Ohio Attorney General. **Your call just might save a life.**

CALL 855-BCI-OHIO (224-6446)



Please display this poster in a public area.

Dear Community Partner,

The abuse of prescription drugs in this state is epidemic.

Since 2007, drug overdoses have exceeded car crashes as Ohio's leading cause of accidental death. The death rate from overdoses has jumped 372 percent since 1999. From 327 deaths that year to 1,544 in 2010, an increase largely driven by prescription drug abuse.

To raise public awareness of the problem, we have partnered with the following organizations to alert Ohio citizens that they can report those they suspect are improperly distributing or prescribing pharmaceutical drugs.

- Ohio Chamber of Commerce
- Ohio Children's Hospital Association
- Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
- Ohio State Medical Association
- Ohio Hospital Association
- Ohio Pharmacists Association
- Ohio Grocers Association

I want to stress that a relatively small number of individuals are contributing to Ohio's prescription drug problem. However, we will not hesitate to investigate and bring to justice those who are part of the problem. I know you share this commitment.

This is an epidemic affecting our communities at a very intimate level. Only through a community effort involving all stakeholders can we tackle the problem.

If my office can be of assistance in addressing prescription drug issues in your community, please contact the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation toll-free at 855-BCI-OHIO (224-6446).

Very respectfully yours,

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