



Addiction

Does Not Discriminate

Your medicine cabinet could be a gateway to heroin.

Every day, 113 people die in the United States as a result of a drug overdose. Another 6,748 are treated in emergency rooms for the misuse of drugs.

In 2013, NJ saw nearly 6,700 admissions to State licensed or certified substance abuse treatment programs due to prescription drug abuse, an increase of nearly 300 percent over the past decade.

More than 21 percent of 12th-graders nationwide have abused a prescription drug, and 11 percent have abused narcotics other than heroin.

In a growing trend, NJ teens who abused prescription drugs went on to become addicted, and turned to heroin use.

SOURCES:

U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention;
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA);
National Institute on Drug Abuse;
New Jersey State Commission of Investigation.



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