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NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

Position/Policy Statement

Prevention of Prescription Drug Overdose

The National Safety Council encourages the public to support federal, state and community efforts to reduce prescription drug misuse and overdose.

The National Safety Council believes that active and engaged individuals have an important role in the preventing the overdose from opioid pain medications. Better communication between individuals and their prescribing medical providers, smaller amounts of opioids at lower doses can be prescribed, limiting the risk of a fatal overdose. Further, through their actions to safely store and dispose of opioid pain medications, they can prevent the ingestion of these medications by small children and pets and stop the diversion of these drugs for nonmedical purposes.

This position statement reflects the opinions of the National Safety Council but not necessarily those of each member organization.

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