

Percocet  
Oxycontin  
Demerol

# Prescription Drugs The Silent Epidemic Opiates

Vicodin  
Methadone  
Duragesic

## Opiate Facts:

- Opiate pills can kill you! If you have never taken an opiate related drug before, just **one or two tablets alone could kill** you even if you don't mix it with other drugs or alcohol.
- A single pill of OxyContin, a prescription drug **can kill you** if you add it to the wrong mix of drugs, alcohol or both.
- Oxycodone and fentanyl present the same dangers **as heroin**. There were more than 900 oxycodone – implicated **deaths** in just one state in just one year (2006).
- **Only 4%** of the people who try to stop using opiates are successful the first time.
- Whether prescribed legally or used illegally, opiate pills are **highly addictive**. A person can quickly become psychologically and physically addicted, possibly for life.

**Signs of Abuse:** Dark circles under eyes...sluggishness...loss of appetite...constipation...depressed breathing...nausea...dizziness...dry-mouth...headaches...weakness...confusion...distant stare in eyes.

**Signs you are Addicted:** You feel like you need the drug regularly...and often many times a day... uncontrollable craving for it... shorter intervals between uses... failing repeatedly when you try to stop taking it... severe withdrawal symptoms when you stop taking it, including anxiety, nausea, dizziness, insomnia, muscle pain, fever, chills and other flu-like symptoms. In despair, some have died from suicide.

**Addiction is a disease.** Seek professional help for recovery.

**Signs of an overdose:** depressed respiration...slow and shallow breathing...clammy skin...convulsions...possible coma...

For information on addiction, recovery, and helpful websites:



**If you know of anyone using/abusing any drug get them professional help before it is too late.**