



# Opioids at Work

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IN OUR LIFETIME,  
**WE ARE  
COMMITTED  
TO**

**ELIMINATING  
PREVENTABLE  
DEATHS**



**ONE  
PREVENTABLE  
DEATH OCCURS  
EVERY**





AT  
WORK



AT HOME & IN THE  
COMMUNITY



ON THE  
ROAD



# The Opioid Issue





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kWbxMi-G3o>



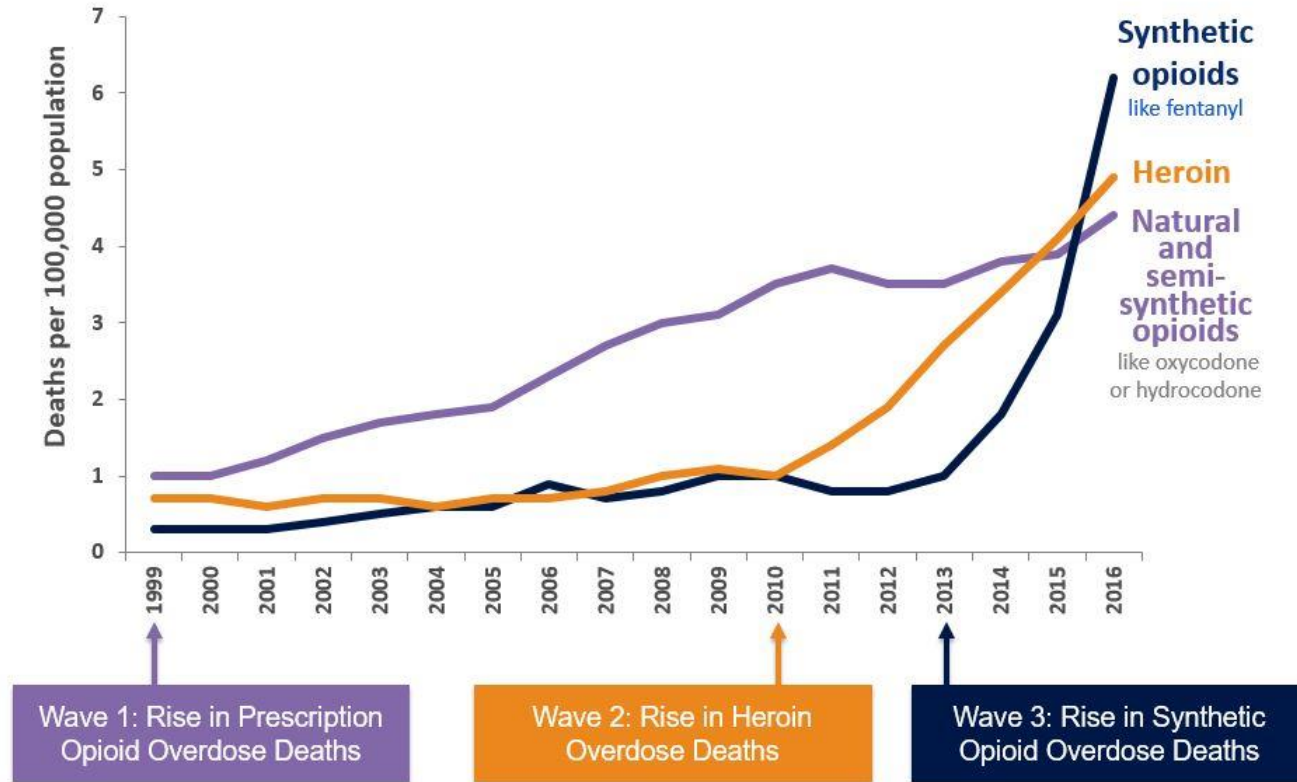
**33% OF PAINKILLER ~~USERS~~ DON'T  
KNOW THEY ARE TAKING OPIOIDS.**

- NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL  
SURVEY 2017.





### 3 Waves of the Rise in Opioid Overdose Deaths



SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System Mortality File.





# Key Takeaways

More than **70%** of employers have been **impacted** by prescription drugs.





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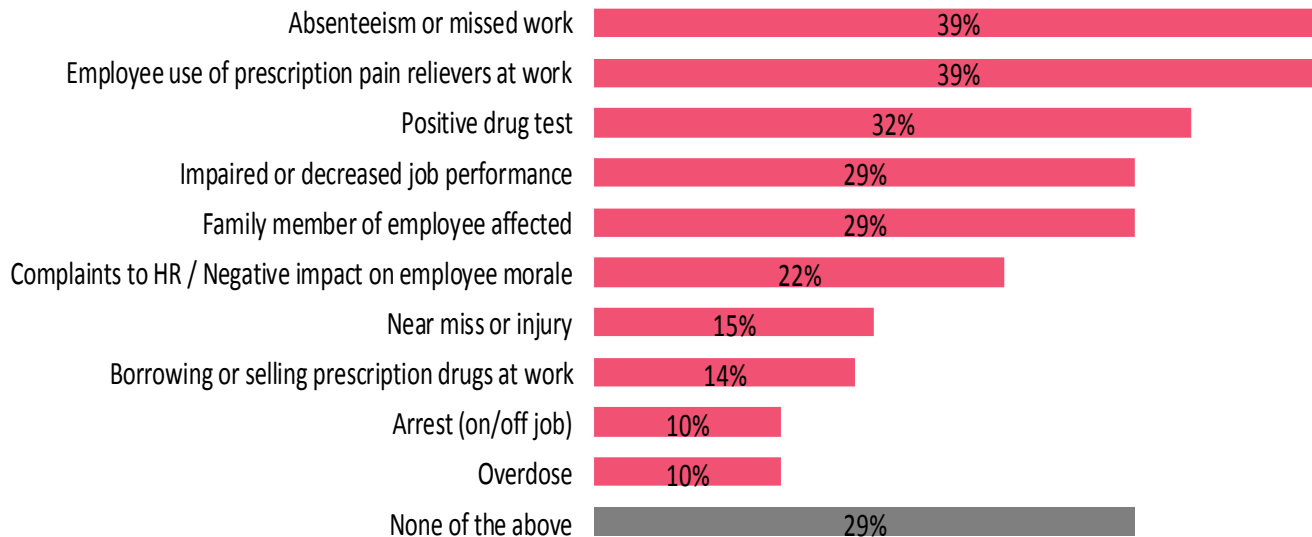
**28%** say are **unprepared** to deal with prescription drug misuse.





# 7 in 10 Employers Impacted by Prescription Drug Usage

## Incidents Experienced Due To Prescription Drug Usage ...



Base: 501  
(All Respondents)

Q7. Keeping in mind that all information will be kept strictly confidential, which of the following are you aware of having occurred in your workforce?



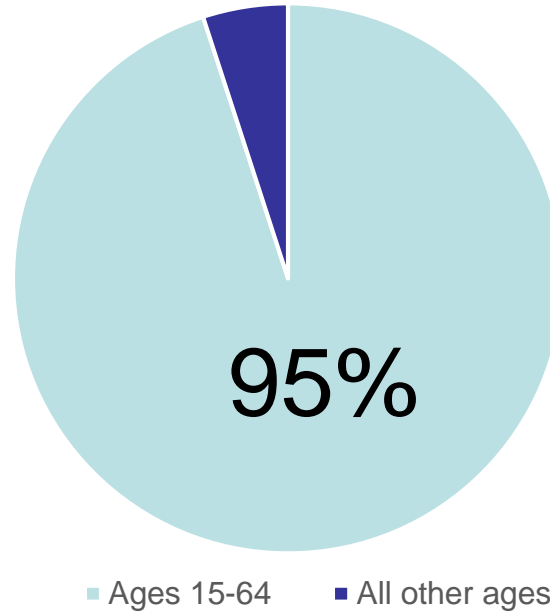
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**76% don't train employees  
to identify signs of misuse.**





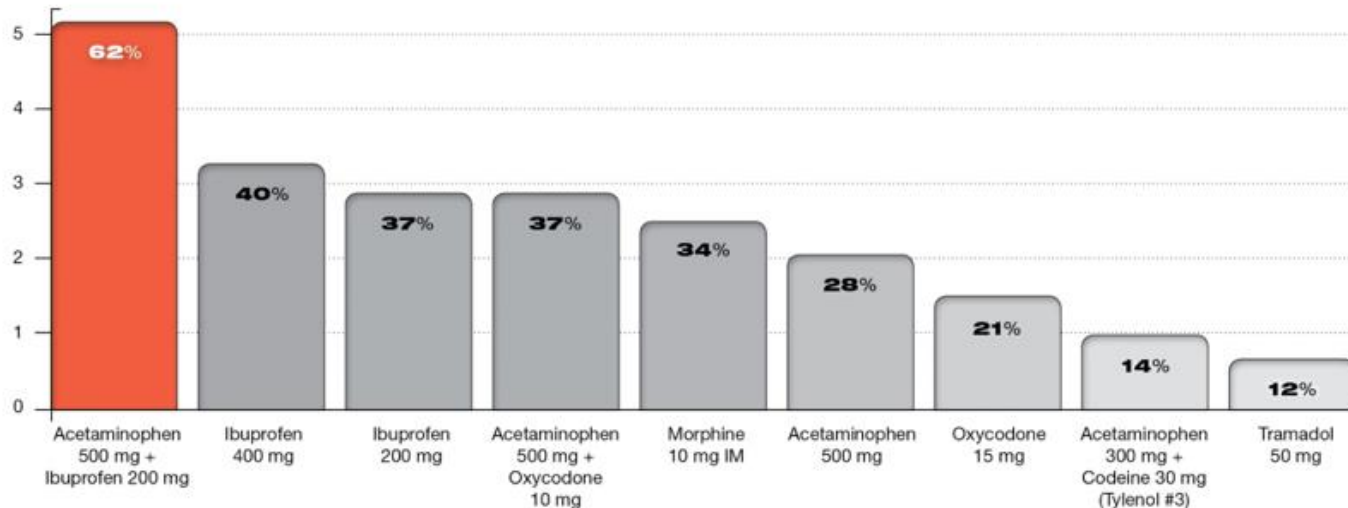
# Drug Overdose Deaths of Working Age Population





# Data on pain management

## EFFICACY OF PAIN MEDICATIONS FOR ACUTE PAIN





Workers in recovery miss

**5 DAYS  
LESS  
WORK**  
per year  
than workers with a SUD

# Real Costs of Substance Use

[nsc.org/drugsatwork](https://nsc.org/drugsatwork)



- Easy to use tool
- Computes costs of substance use
- Specific to industry, state and employee population





**TOTAL COST: \$106,323**



**Lost Time**

COST:

**\$42,432**



**Job Turnover & Re-training**

COST:

**\$34,203**



**Healthcare**

COST:

**\$29,688**

It is important to note that individuals may be struggling with more than one substance use disorder. Click on the substance image for more information.



## Alcohol

EMPLOYEES:

32

FAMILY:

35



## Opioids & Heroin

EMPLOYEES:

3

FAMILY:

3



## Marijuana

EMPLOYEES:

6

FAMILY:

7



## Other Drugs

EMPLOYEES:

11

FAMILY:

11



Each employee who **recovers**  
**from a substance use**  
**disorder saves** a company

**MORE THAN**  
**\$3,200**  
**PER YEAR**



# Employer Toolkit

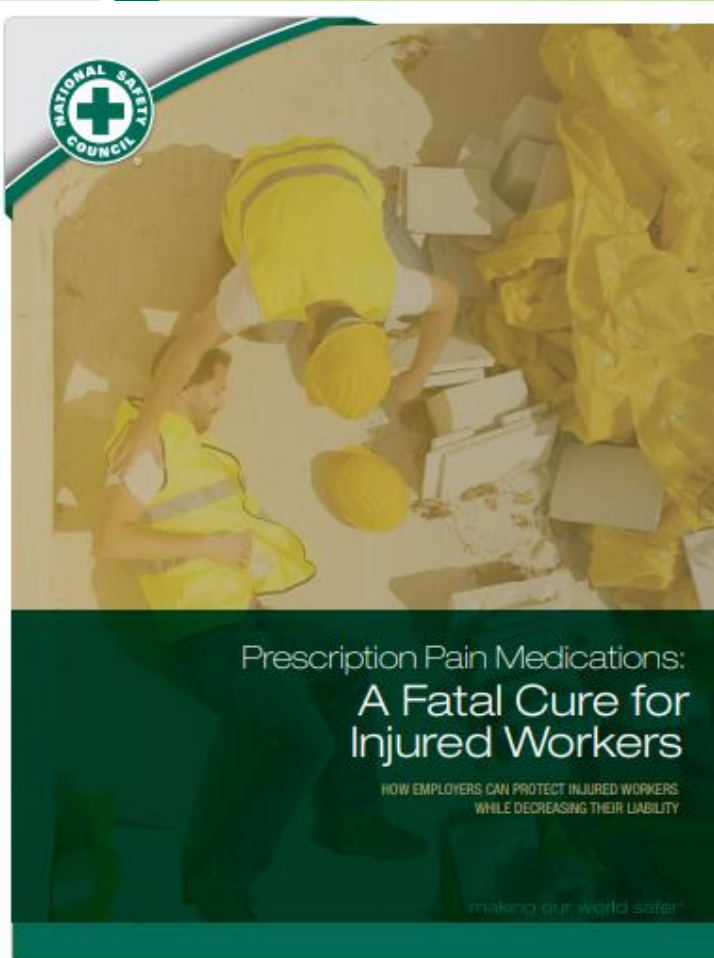
<https://www.nsc.org/pages/prescription-drug-employer-kit>

- Clear policies
- Employee Education
- Supervisor Training
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Drug Testing



# The Warning Label





## Workers Comp

<http://safety.nsc.org/workerscomp>



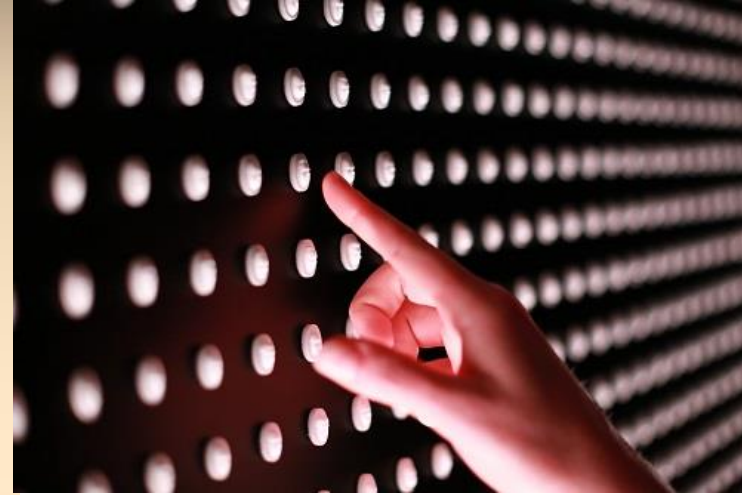


# Stop Everyday Killers

**EVERY 24 MINUTES,  
THIS MACHINE CARVES A NEW FACE OUT OF A PILL.  
BECAUSE EVERY 24 MINUTES ANOTHER AMERICAN DIES  
FROM A PRESCRIPTION OPIOID OVERDOSE.**



- CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND  
PREVENTION, NATIONAL CENTER FOR  
HEALTH STATISTICS.



[StopEverydayKillers.org](http://StopEverydayKillers.org)

*Eliminating Preventable Deaths*



# Stop Everyday Killers Video









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