When teens want to get high IS YOUR PRESCRIPTION AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP?

Teens are finding prescription drugs wherever people they know keep them – and abusing them more than any illicit street drug except marijuana.[1] In fact, every day, more than 2,000 kids age 12 to 17 try a painkiller nonmedically for the first time.[2]

What they don't realize is that these drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs. So kids who would never try street drugs might feel safe abusing prescription drugs.

Parents have a direct impact on the access to prescription drugs and can take immediate steps to protect their children from the dangers by following a few simple tips.

- **Safeguard** all drugs at home. Monitor quantities and control access. Ask friends and family to do the same.
- **Set clear rules** for teens about all drug use, including "Don't share medicine." and "Always follow the medical provider's advice and dosages."
- **Properly dispose** of old or unneeded medicines.

When you talk to your teens about the risks of drugs and alcohol, include prescription drugs in the conversation.

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[1] 2007 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, SAMHSA, 2008.
[2] Ibid.

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