

Citations for research findings on safe storage/safe disposal tear sheet

LEFTOVER MEDICINES ARE A RISK

1 in 4 Almost 1 in every 4 teens in America say they have misused or abused a prescription drug

1,100+ More than 1,100 teens begin abusing prescription pain medication every day

>50% More than 50% of people misusing pain relievers get them from a friend or relative

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Pain relievers, tranquilizers, stimulants and sedatives are among the most commonly abused medicines



Teens abuse prescription medicine more than heroin, methamphetamines, LSD, cocaine & ecstasy combined



Medicine poisonings resulted in more than 57,000 children under age 5 going to an emergency room in 2015

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