Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem.

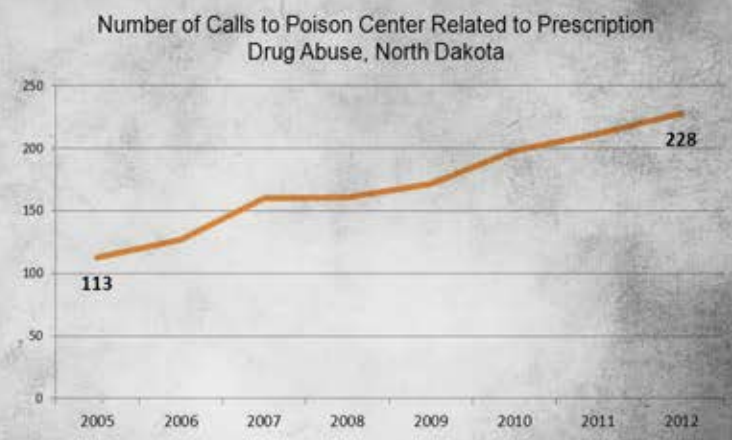
"Prescription Drug Abuse a 'Silent Epidemic' in N.D." GREAT PLAINS EXAMINER

WDAZ 8 TELEVISION "Rising Concern in N.D. about Prescription Drug Abuse"

"Youth Prescription Drug Abuse on the Rise in N.D." The Seattle Times

71% OF PEOPLE WHO ABUSE PRESCRIPTION PAIN RELIEVERS OBTAIN THEM FROM A FRIEND OR RELATIVE (NSDUH NATIONAL FINDINGS, 2011).

16% of ND high school students have abused a prescription drug.
(YRBS, 2011)



Source: Hennepin Regional Poison Center

The number of people in treatment at ND Human Service Centers reporting prescription drug abuse is increasing.

6% of adults reported abuse in 2007, increasing to 14% in 2011.

2% of youth reported abuse in 2007, increasing to 6% in 2011.
(TEDS)

We can take action...

29 million pills dispensed in N.D.*

This is 43 pills for every man, woman, and child in the state.

(ND Board of Pharmacy, 2011)
*narcotic analgesics and muscle relaxants

Protect yourself and those around you.
LOCK your meds.

Deposit unused meds in the **Take Back** container located at participating sheriffs' offices and police departments.

Drug Take Back Program

Find locations here:
www.ag.nd.gov/PDrugs/TakeBackProgram.htm

Reducing Access will Reduce Abuse

www.nd.gov/dhs/prevention/seow