Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem.

“Prescription Drug Abuse a ‘Silent Epidemic’ in N.D.”

“Rising Concern in N.D. about Prescription Drug Abuse”

“Youth Prescription Drug Abuse on the Rise in N.D.”

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)

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.

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

Reducing Access will Reduce Abuse

www.nd.gov/dhs/prevention/seow