

Prescription Drug Misuse & Dangerous Mixers

Misuse of prescription drugs means taking a medication in a manner or dose other than prescribed; taking someone else's prescription, even if for a legitimate medical complaint such as pain; or taking a medication to feel euphoria (i.e., to get high). The three classes of medication most commonly misused are:

- *opioids*—usually prescribed to treat pain
- *central nervous system [CNS] depressants* (this category includes tranquilizers, sedatives, and hypnotics)—used to treat anxiety and sleep disorders
- *stimulants*—most often prescribed to treat attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

SOURCE: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/misuse-prescription-drugs/summary>

To learn more about the effects of misusing these drugs please visit
[NIDA Misuse of Prescription Drugs](#)



Dangerous Mixers: How Drugs and Alcohol Affect the Body

Mixing alcohol and medicines puts you at risk for dangerous reactions. Protect yourself by avoiding alcohol if you are taking a medication and don't know its effect. To learn more about a medicine and whether it will interact with alcohol, talk to your pharmacist or other health care provider.

Link to: [Commonly Used Medicines \(Both Prescription and Over-the-Counter\) That Interact With Alcohol](#)